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Sat. 1/28 | 1-2PM

312 Bridge Sag Harbor Tpke | \$599,000

Newly renovated classic cottage originally built in the 1920s. Located on a lovely shy acre remarkably close to Bridgehampton village. Deep lot with extraordinary old bamboo and immense trees with possibilities for significant expansion or your newly conceived dream house. Web# H54993. Cynthia Barrett 917.865.9917

Sat. 1/28 | 12-1PM

194 Narrow Lane | \$299,000

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Saturday 1/28 | 12-1:30PM

3 White Pine | \$1,275,000

Designed by acclaimed architect, Alfredo Devido, this unique 4/5br, 3bth home has a soaring ceiling with lots of natural light in the great room with fireplace. Wide plank floors throughout the house. Lovely pool area. Web# H43798. Catherine Ross 516.658.3861

Sat. 1/28 | 11:30AM-1PM

27 Church St | \$849,000

Village residence offers 3brs, 2bths, living room open to dining area and separate kitchen. Sited on a beautiful quarter acre lot, there is room for a 42 ft pool and for expansion of the house. Web# H45481. Robin Kaplan 631.267.7384

HAMPTON BAYS



Sun. 1/29 | 12-2PM

10 Trynz Ln | \$2,899,998

Magnificent waterfront revival with stunning views of Shinnecock Bay in and out of house. Gunite pool with 6-person overflow hot tub looking out at the bay. The gardens are pristine. A picture perfect home in a very private setting to enjoy. Web# H19742. Constance Porto 631.723.4324

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Sat. 1/28 | 12-1:30PM

15 A Squires Avenue | \$649,000

Reduced. Desirable 4br, 2+1/2 Traditional-style sited on 1.30 acres. Its many features include a basement and den/office. Great bonus room. Web# H29562. Lucille Rakower 516.902.0220 or Bobby Rosenbaum 917.586.0052

Sat. 1/28 | 1-3PM

72 Squires Avenue | \$355,000

Tiana Shores nicely situated on an .46 acre lot. Three br, 2 bths, LR with fpl, dining area, ELK, sun room. Full basement and 1.5-car garage. Move-in condition. A must see South-of-the-highway home. Web# H44837. Adriana Jurcev 917.678.6543

Sat. 1/28 | 12-2PM

5 Bay Avenue | \$299,000

Absolutely charming Victorian cottage in the heart of East Quogue with bay access down the road. A great summer or year round home filled with charm. Web# H19705. Constance Porto 631.723.4324

Sun. 1/29 | 1-3PM

1 Jeffrey Lane | \$999,999

4,600 sf, 6br, 4 full bth and 2 half bth Traditional includes 2 br 1.5 bth, guest suite. Great room with view of pool and wet bar. Formal living with fpl, formal dining room, breakfast area, 3 home offices. One can be 6th br. master suite. Web# H12584. Adriana Jurcev 917.678.6543

Sat. 1/28 | 2-3:30PM

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1.70-acre estate. See the delights of this elegant 5br, 3+1/2bths stucco Post Modern charming 2-story home with formal living and dining room, library/family room, cozy ELK with fpl. Finished basement, porch, patio, heated pool, and extras. Web# H061301. Lucille Rakower 516.902.0220

SAG HARBOR



Sat. 1/28 | 12-1PM

15 Montauk Avenue Extension | \$1,950,000

Sag Harbor Village, 5brs, 4.5bths. Custom built in 2008. This 4,000 sf home resides on .60 acres and located on a quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood of newly built homes. Spacious layout and light filled. Web# H44877. Jeanine Edington 631.287.0070

Sat. 1/28 | 3:30-5PM

47 Cliff Drive | \$989,000

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Fri. 1/27 | 11:30AM-1PM

307 Flying Point Road | \$2,500,000

Southampton Village home in excellent condition on beautiful, private, 1.1 acre property close to ocean beaches features 3brs, 3bths including a very large master bedroom with lots of custom closet space, 2-car garage, Gunite pool and many other attractive amenities. Web# H44957. Michael Nappa 631.204.2726

Sat. 1/28 & Sun. 1/29 | 11AM-3PM

137 North Main Street | \$699,000

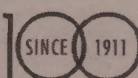
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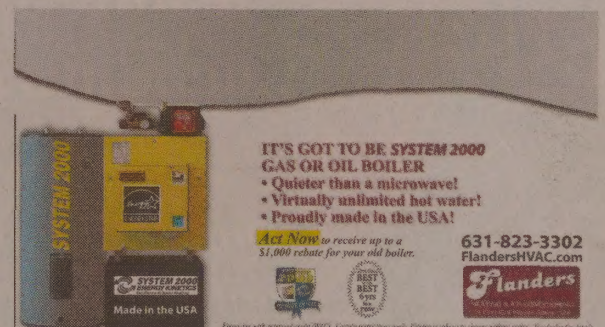
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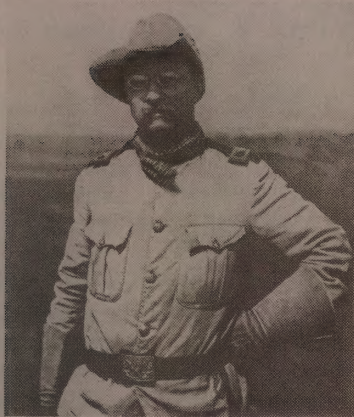
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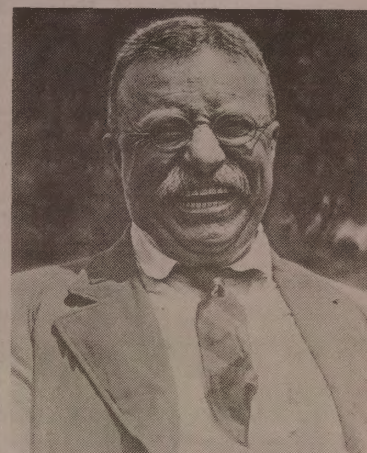
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The Rough Riders in Cuba



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Teddy Roosevelt

TR's Montauk Summer Vacation in 1898 with Rough Riders

By Dan Rattiner

Probably the most famous person ever to spend the summer in the Hamptons was Teddy Roosevelt, who lived in modest circumstances in a tent in Montauk during August of 1898. That he was here was so important to the country that while he was here, he was visited by the President of the United States, William McKinley. Two years later, McKinley was running for re-election for President with Teddy Roosevelt by his side as Vice President. Six months after that, McKinley was assassinated in Buffalo by a mentally ill man with a gun and Roosevelt, at age 42, was elevated to the Presidency. Historians consider him to be one of the greatest Presidents this country has ever had.

Teddy Roosevelt was born a sickly child into an upper class family that owned a townhouse in Manhattan. The family had wealth. Teddy's father owned a company that imported and exported glass.

Soon it was found Teddy had severe asthma, and the family doctor said he would need to be home schooled and warned that he never would be able to participate in sports or other events

that required exertion or strenuous exercise. With his father's permission, young Teddy did exactly the opposite of what the doctor told him to do. He went on camping trips, went hunting and fishing, developed an interest in animals and the natural world, actually creating a "zoo" of small animals in his parent's home at the age of 12, and later, at Harvard, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, he was on the boxing team.

Young Roosevelt ran successfully for public office directly after graduation to become New York State's youngest Assemblyman. He was very outspoken and led a successful effort to seek the resignation of a corrupt judge. He was soon considered by many to be the most reform-minded politician in State government. When he was 26, however, both his mother and his young wife died on the same day. In his grief, he decided to leave New York, buy a ranch out in the Badlands of North Dakota and move there to spend the rest of his life raising cattle. After a year, however, a flood destroyed his herd and with his father's urging, he returned to New York, remarried, built a big mansion in Oyster Bay and ran for Mayor as a candidate who was expected to lose to a popular incumbent. He did lose, but it was by a narrow margin, and with this popularity and reputation as a corruption buster, he was appointed the Police Commissioner of the City with the charge of cleaning up police corruption in that department, which was exactly what he did. In his spare time, he also wrote a history book about a topic that interested him—the ships of the U. S. Navy and their role during the War of 1812.

Perhaps because of this, in early 1897, he was appointed the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He was 39 years old at this time.

On February 15, 1898, the *Maine*, an American Warship, blew up in Havana Harbor in Cuba killing 266 American servicemen. This ship had been sent down there to try to mediate an ongoing conflict between Cuban rebels and their Spanish dictators. It was widely believed that the Spanish had blown up the ship. The Secretary of the Navy dithered and went into consultation with the Presidential Cabinet. Roosevelt, on his own authority ordered all warships in the Navy to load up with ammunition and prepare for war with Spain, which, soon enough came. Over 50,000 men volunteered to join the army and become an expeditionary force to clear the Spanish out of Cuba. These men went off by train to Florida to assemble, at which time McKinley ordered the U. S. Navy to attack the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay in the Philippines to prevent their intervention in this planned invasion. The attack in Manila Bay was a complete surprise to the Spanish. Their entire Navy was either sunk or run aground without the loss of a single American ship in that engagement. Spain was now unable to support its army in Cuba.

Soon thereafter, Roosevelt resigned his post as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in order to put together a regiment of men to go to war in Cuba under his command. He contacted some of his friends from Harvard and some of his friends from the ranchlands in the Dakotas and he formed the 1st Cavalry Regiment, a

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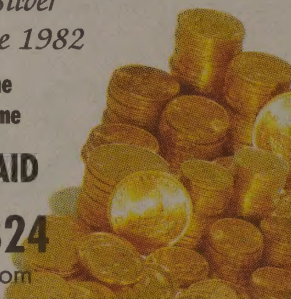
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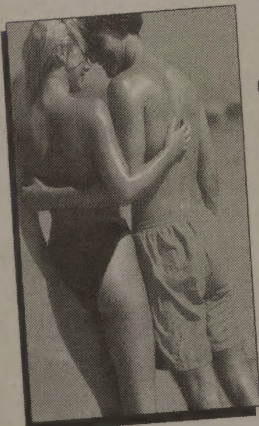
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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

"Real Housewife of New York" **Ramona Singer** rang in the New Year at Southampton hotspot 75 Main with her husband and friends. She enjoyed herself so much that she returned the next day with her husband for salad.

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The Hallmark Channel has cancelled "The Martha Stewart Show!" It will not return after this season, but the network hopes to continue to work with Stewart on other programming. The last episode will air in May. Home Depot will no longer sell Martha Stewart Living paints but will allow customers to mix her color palette in Glidden paints. Martha, Martha, Martha.

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The popular Greenport Harbor Brewing is expanding to a second location. The craft beer brewing company has recently gone into contract on the former **Lucas Ford** dealership in Peconic. The facility, which will quadruple production and double the brewery's workforce, is expected to be up-and-running in January 2013. Wonder how actor **Owen Wilson**, who recently visited Greenport, feels about the expansion?

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East Hampton resident **Mariska Hargitay** will return to "Law and Order: SVU" for the show's 14th season with a new love interest: **Harry Connick Jr.** The musician/actor will play Executive Assistant District Attorney David Haden.

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Along with his group, Danish Radio Big Band, East Hampton composer and musician **Randy Brecker** recently received four Grammy Awards nominations. These include best large jazz ensemble album for *The Jazz Ballad Song Book*, best instrumental arrangement and best improvised jazz solo.

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Ana Nieto and Turtle Shell Health host a special screening of the film *Economics of Happiness* at Sag Harbor's Bay Burger this Saturday, January 28. Food will be catered by Greeny's. Nieto is a busy lady. In addition to being the newest officer in the Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce, she can be seen dancing with the Neo-Political Cowgirls dance troupe.

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Gosman's chef **John "Okie" Jones**, age 48, died in a tragic accident in Colorado last week.

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If you haven't yet taken the plunge in one of the many East End polar bear events—or even if you have—*Dan's Papers'* **Kelly Laffey** and **Denise Bornschein** invite you to join them at HarborFrost in Sag Harbor on February 11. They'll be taking it off and dipping in the drink near Long Wharf to help raise money for the Sag Harbor Ambulance Corps.

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Montauk resident and revered surfcaster **Paul Melnyk** has released *Montauk*

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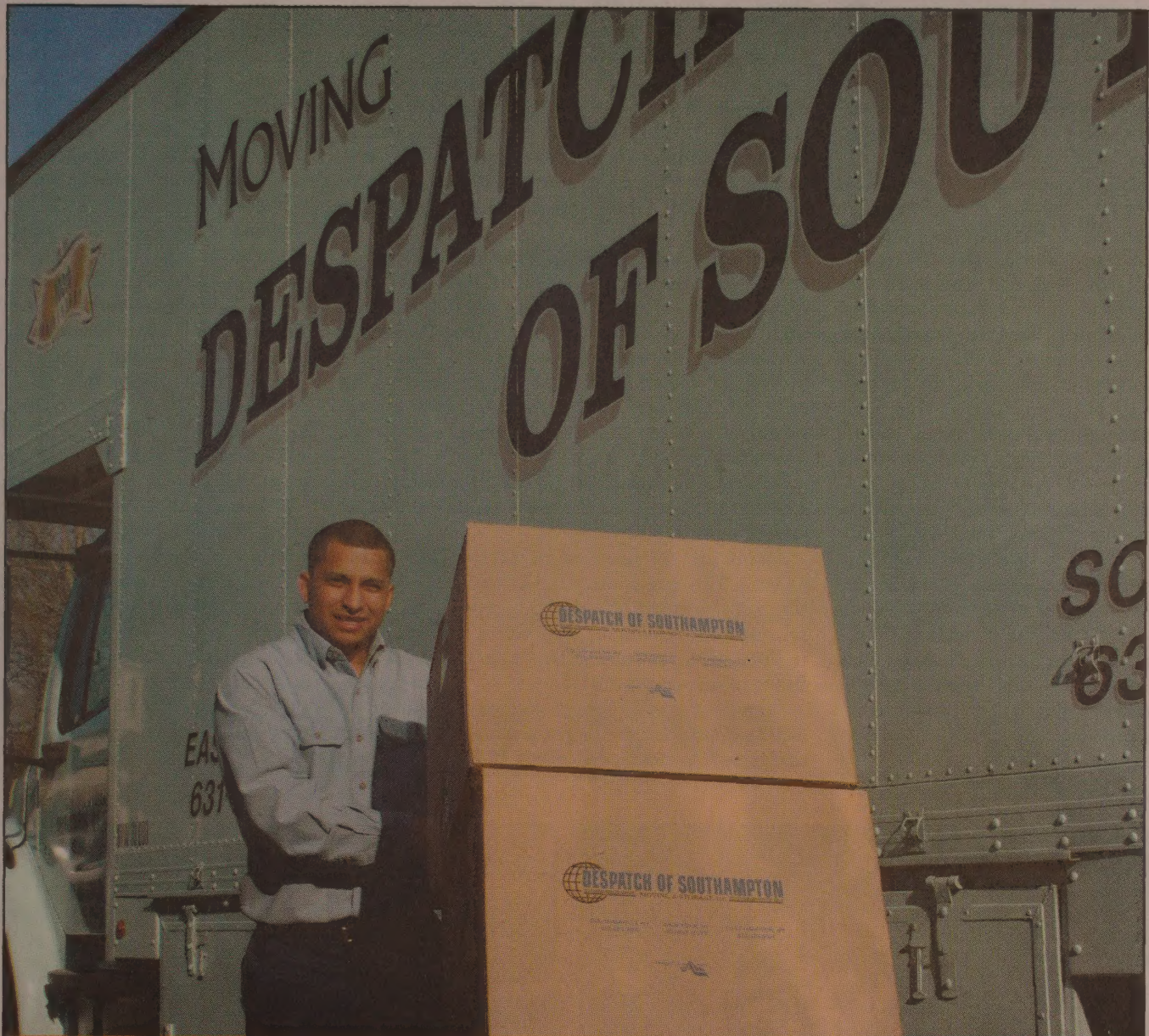
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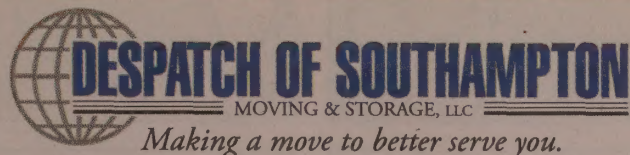


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group of about 2,000 men, and off they all went to Florida and then across the 90 miles of water to Cuba.

The charge that Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" soon led up San Juan Hill in Cuba became military legend and only a few weeks later, the Spanish retreated to Santiago and flew the white flag. The whole American Army including Roosevelt and the Rough Riders camped out in the hills overlooking Santiago to await the results.

During this time, the owner of the largest newspaper chain in this country, William Randolph Hearst, had his papers publish screaming headlines about the dramatic success of the American Army. Roosevelt was prominently featured. It was America's first foray into world affairs. America would now be a world power, center stage. The people of America could hardly wait for the army to come home to tickertape parades. Also at this time, President McKinley announced that he would nominate Roosevelt for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

All around the country, towns and cities prepared to welcome their troops home. But advisors quietly warned the President that bringing the men directly home could set off a national epidemic of malaria, yellow fever, small pox and other tropical diseases. As the President considered this, he also received from Colonel Roosevelt, as he was known by this time, a letter advising him of the sickness the men were suffering there in Cuba and asking that the troops be brought home quickly.

McKinley was put off by this letter. He took the advice but then decided NOT to offer Roosevelt the Congressional Medal of Honor. Roosevelt was simply getting too popular. What McKinley did do however, was put together a plan to save the country from the feared epidemic. He ordered that the military find here in the U. S. A. an unpopulated peninsula of land big enough to accommodate the army in quarantine, where healthy ocean breezes, along with medical and nursing care, could either return the soldiers to health or see to their dying while sparing the country the epidemic.

Beginning on August 14, 1898, dozens of troop ships began to arrive at docks in Fort Pond Bay in Montauk bearing 29,000 soldiers and about 15,000 horses. Teddy Roosevelt was among the arrivals, of course. As his ship pulled in, he shouted down from the railing of it at the few reporters who had gotten permission to go there to document the event and said the following.

"I'm in a disgracefully healthy condition! I've had a bully time and a bully fight! I feel as strong as a bull moose!"

About 10,000 tents soon dotted the rolling hills of Montauk, and during the next month, the men, almost all of them, survived, raced around on horseback, shot skeet and marched in formation parading through the hills and fields of our community.

President McKinley of course had to go to Montauk to talk to his great American soldiers and their leaders, including General Shafter,

and of course Colonel Roosevelt, who led the charge up San Juan Hill to such fame. In early October, all the men were mustered out and sent home.

Later that autumn, Teddy Roosevelt ran for Governor of New York on a promise of cleaning up the State and ridding it of corruption and he won in a landslide. With the backing of the citizenry and with his determined attitude he was soon doing just that with great vigor—when, as it later was learned—some of the leading politicians met in a smoke filled room and decided to try to kick Roosevelt upstairs. Meeting with McKinley, who was now about to start his campaign for re-election, these politicians urged that Roosevelt be taken on as his Vice-Presidential nominee. McKinley did that, and with Roosevelt by his side, was re-elected to a second term.

Less than seven months later, however, President McKinley attended the Pan-American Exhibition in Buffalo, and there with a single gunshot was assassinated by a mentally ill man named Leon Czolgosz.

Roosevelt thus finished up more than three years of McKinley's term, and was then elected on his own for another four more years.

During his Presidency, Roosevelt broke the monopolies of the big railroad, coal and steel barons in the country. He began seriously regulating business, instituted the Income Tax and arranged so that much of the country's growing wealth could be shared with the common citizens. He also greatly expanded the

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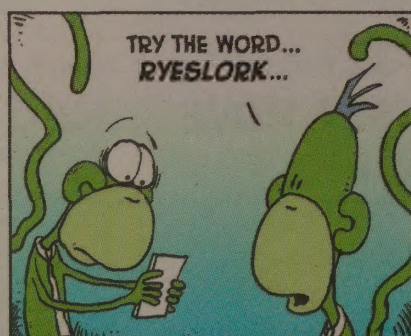
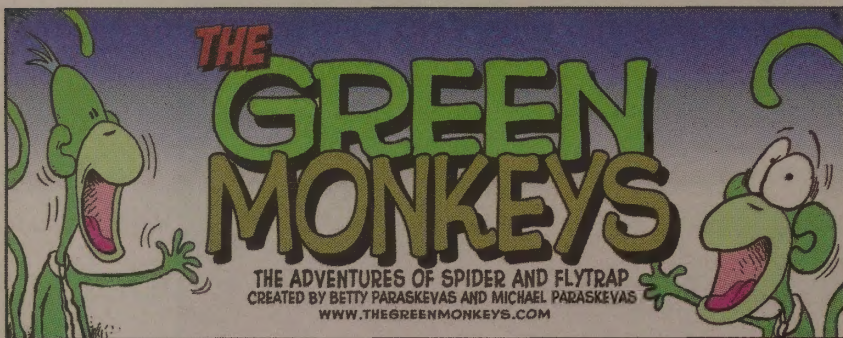


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Hank

My Cat the Dog

Cats Are Underrated. Sometimes They Step Up to the Plate.

By Dan Rattiner

I've had dogs all my life. I've gone sailing with them, gone to the beach with them, taken them to foreign countries with me. I have found them to be loyal, true and on my side, also full of fun, joyful at my coming home and great companions up and ready for just about anything.

Last year, after Spalding died of old age, I went into a deep mourning. I had felt close to my earlier dogs, but Spalding, a wonderful and mischievous Bichon Frise—had won my heart. I mourned for a year, and early on said I would

never get another dog again. But now with the year over, I'm feeling ready for a new friend.

During this year, however, a strange thing has happened. I've never been much of a cat person. We've had cats around the house—left there by children who grew up, or some such thing—and I've tolerated them. They don't bother me and I don't bother them.

But now there is one cat in our lives who has stepped up to the plate. His name is Hank, he was one of my wife's pets before I met her 10 years ago, and he's been in my life for the most recent 10 years.

As she had her for eight years before we met, Hank's a pretty old cat, probably around 19 at this point. Nevertheless, Hank has, in the past year, come around to thinking he's a dog.

When I come into the house, he runs over and then runs alongside of me. When I sit down, he hops up on me. This is new behavior for Hank. As I said, before I lost Spalding, Hank was just part of the household menagerie.

At first I thought it was just that he was hungry and here was another adult in the

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HOPING THE SOUTH FORK DOESN'T COME LOOSE

By Dan Rattiner

The Long Island Railroad is going to be repairing numerous railroad bridges in and around the Shinnecock Canal over the next 10 months, including their Shinnecock Canal Bridge, which directly crosses the canal. This railroad bridge, along with two auto highway bridges, the North Highway Bridge and the Montauk Highway Bridge, are the only structures, besides some underground steel cables, that cross the Shinnecock Canal and securely hold the South Fork from drifting off from the mainland of Long Island, so it is very important, whenever work is done on any of the three bridges, that it be done with careful planning aforethought because of the stresses that it puts on the other two.

The plan to repair the railroad bridges has been in the planning stages since September and \$26.2 million in funding has been secured from the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Perhaps the biggest change for two of the bridges, one over North Road on the east side of the canal and the bridge crossing over the Montauk Highway near East Tiana Road on the west side of the canal, will be their heights above the road below. Both bridges will have their clearances raised by five inches, so larger trucks and busses will be able to pass under them.

It is expected that once repaired, these bridges will not need further repair for another 40 years. No delays in railroad schedules will take place during the construction, although

at certain times busses will replace train service between various locations. On the other hand, there will be considerable disruption to vehicular traffic on several of the roads below, affecting both local and through traffic and even access to the recreation area on the sides of the canal.

In particular, the repairs on the Shinnecock Canal Railroad Bridge, because of that bridge's central position among the three bridges holding the South Fork in place, need to be done slowly and carefully. So, altogether here are the road closings.

The stretch of North Highway between the Montauk Highway and the Sunrise Highway, will have to be shut down in its entirety when

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family who might deign to feed him. Certainly I have done that from time to time. But then I came to see that this was not the case. He had been recently fed. He wasn't looking for more food. He wanted me.

Sometimes after a long day, I build a fire in the living room, lie down on the couch and take a nap for half an hour. When Spalding was around, he'd jump up—he was a 15-pound dog—and sleep in the crook of my arm with me. After Spalding went off to a better place, at least at first, Hank paid me no never mind. But about four months ago, he took over that job.

It's a different thing from when he jumps up in my lap when I sit down. In my lap, he is nosing around, looking to be scratched on his ears. If you don't do it, he seems to get a bit out of sorts and will take to nosing your hand to get it to go there, or he will start licking your hand with his sandpaper tongue until you get the idea.

When I lie down, however, he knows it's nap time. He just jumps up, burrows his head between my arm and body and is off in dreamland at the same time I am.

And there is more. Hank will turn around in your lap and begin swishing his tail across your face. It's an incomprehensible thing to do, I know, something with cats that is unknown to humans, but there it is. I thought it annoying at first, but then thought it was kind of fun. Now I rather look forward to it. He will only stop if you gently wrap your fingers around his tail near to where it attaches to his body to make a loose fist and just slide the fist down his tail and off the end as if you're straightening it.

As far as napping goes, he's become a real trooper about it. Sometimes if I don't see him for awhile but just lie down to take a snooze, I wake up and there he is in the crook of my arm again.

We're buds.

At this point, I am hesitating about getting a new dog. I think, well, I already have a dog.

Hank will do, maybe. I'm going to get him to learn to meow at strangers, to sit on command, to come when I call.

I'm blowing this way and that. I call his name and there are times he doesn't pay me any mind. He just keeps on with whatever it is he is doing. But I keep at it. Hank. It's your name. Perk up. When I call it I need you.

He's deaf, my wife said. He's 19. Don't take it personally.

Yesterday, I tried sleeping with Hank. My wife was in the city for the night and is not much for having Hank on the bed. So here was my chance.

It worked out at first. But then, well, not. I woke up once and he was sitting on my chest and I sort of brushed him off. Another time, I was awakened by him as he walked over my body to see what was on the other side, which was, well, nothing. Then an hour later, I woke up and he wasn't there at all. Then an hour later I woke up and he was back.

This was very disconcerting with all this coming and going and I decided it just wasn't going to work out, sleeping with him. And I haven't since.

He is, however, plotting something, he is, my cat, the dog.

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the project begins this week and until Memorial Day. At various times after Memorial Day, single lane traffic with flagmen will let cars through. For the interval between now and Memorial Day, residents living in this small stretch will have to access the closed area either from the south or the north on the highway there. (The ramp entrances to the Sunrise Highway will not be affected.)

Also closing or being partly shut down during this period will be Canal Road West along the west side of the canal. As this road leads to recreational areas along that side of the canal, the railroad is going to be meeting with the Southampton Town Parks and Recreation Department to work out available access, including footpaths to those facilities.

Perhaps the most worrisome of the railroad bridge repairs is the one which will be done on the Montauk Highway Railroad Bridge where it crosses over the Montauk Highway near East Tiana Road. Although two miles from the canal, this is where the steel cables that cross underneath the Shinnecock Canal attach to deep foundations on the western side of the canal to keep the rest of the South Fork from drifting off to sea. One hopes these cable moorings are left undisturbed.

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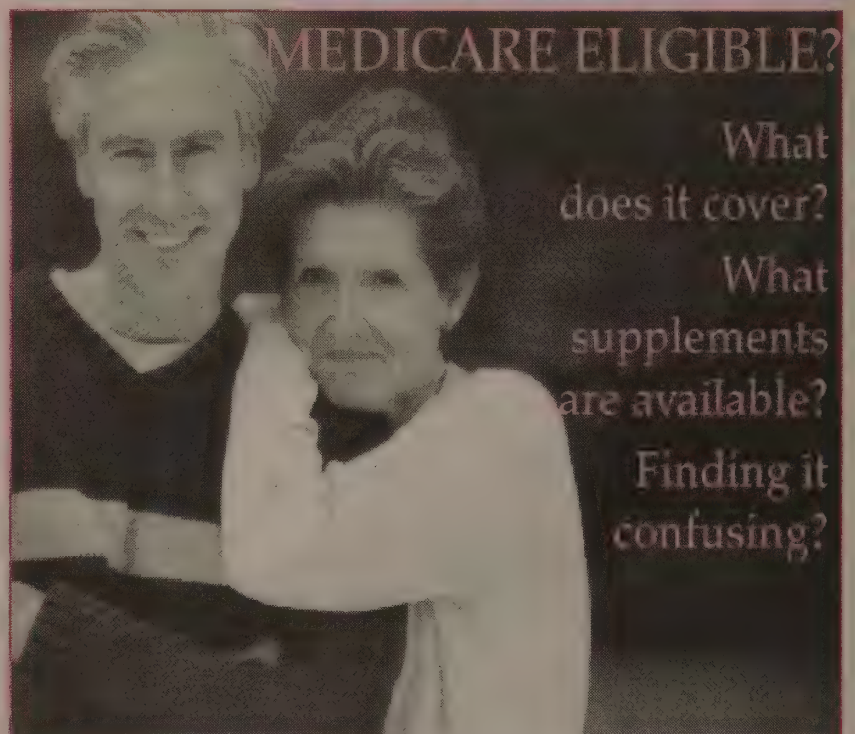
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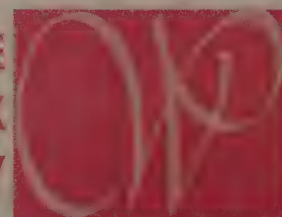
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TODAY'S NEWS INVOLVES LADY BUGS AND TWINKIES....



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Dan's Shorts

Ladybugs, North Korea, Murderers Paroled and Twinkies

By Dan Rattiner
LADYBUGS BACK

The official New York State insect is the nine-spotted ladybug. Unfortunately, the last one seen was in 1982. At a session of the New York State Assembly in 2006, a bill was put forward releasing the nine spotted from its exalted position, thus freeing the state to designate a new official bug. The bill went to committee and never came out. So the bug which had left (fled? Been forced out?), the nine-spotted ladybug, remained the official state bug.

As it happens, since the year 2000, a group of entomologists, without much else to do, have

banded together to form a group called the Lost Ladybug Project, continuously combing the state in the hopes of finding a nine spotted ladybug somewhere. Last fall, they hit pay dirt—so to speak.

One of the volunteers, a man named Peter Priolo, found one of these creatures in a patch of sunflowers on a 10,000-acre Amagansett farm under preservation by the Peconic Land Trust.

"I didn't realize it was a nine spotted when I found it," he told a reporter from *The New York Times*. "I just put it in my jar and hurried back to meet with everybody."

Other members of the Lost Ladybug Project

soon began swarming through Amagansett after that and pretty soon collected enough of them to establish a colony of nine-spotted, which are now being bred in a lab in Ithaca, not far from the State Capital in Albany.

What if that 2006 bill had become law and, for example, the big black fly was designated the official state insect? Would the legislators rescind the new law? This thought boggles the mind.

NORTH KOREA \$\$ SCAM UNCOVERED

One of the biggest businesses in South Korea is playing video games. Over half of the

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On TV: My Big Redneck Vacation

By David Lion Rattiner

Yeeeeee Haaaaaawwww!!! "My Big Redneck Vacation" premiered last week, it's essentially a reality television show about a family of rednecks from the South who come up to vacation for the summer in East Hampton at a luxurious estate.

The premise is great. The show though, well, if you are a local in the Hamptons, you might think it is pretty lame.

The show desperately tries to make the family feel like a fish out of water, and by far the best part of the show, is the family themselves. They honestly don't come across as a racist group of hardcore rednecks, they just seem to me like a nice southern family and quite frankly, not all that different in terms of values than a family from Long Island.

"Do you have wildlife up here?" asks a

redneck in one part of the show.

"There will be deer running in your back yard," says realtor Patrick Christiano.

"Well that ain't good news for the deer."

Yea, we get it, you guys hunt a lot. So do a lot of people on the East End of Long Island, that really doesn't make you all that different.

At one point the family does show a display of incredible skill that I will attribute to the South, and that is a bow shooting contest to decide who gets which room in the gorgeous house that is rented for them in the summer time. Every arrow from 40 yards out hits a styrofoam turkey target dead in the face. I was impressed.

The show features Tom Arnold as the narrator, who literally pops out onto your screen and says something like, "What will this family eat for dinner? Will they be eatin' deer

tonight? Will they be eatin' snake? Tune in and find out!"

It's awful. It's just God awful. I don't know what else to say. His narration simply does not work.

At one point two of the alpha males in the family go fishing on a small motorboat in Three Mile Harbor in Springs. "I'm not so sure our boat is going to fit in here," says one of the characters.

But it just isn't that funny, because quite frankly, there are a lot, like A LOT of people who fish on old beat-up Boston Whalers in East Hampton, especially in Three Mile Harbor. Yes there are yachts, but that's not everybody, I wouldn't even say it's the majority, but again the show makes every effort for it to seem like it's an odd thing for a 12-foot motor boat to be

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Shorts

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country plays them—"Dungeon and Fighter" and "Lineage" are two popular online gaming sites—and it's a \$2.4 billion business, not only from the selling of the video games, but from the selling of various cyberspace guns, spears, semi-automatics, rockets, lightning bolts, spells, dreams, bazookas and other weapons that enable the players of these games to come through the levels to victory. Some particularly sophisticated pretend weapons can cost, in actual cash, close to \$1,000.

Turns out that North Korea, which is hard strapped for cash because of all the embargoes placed on it, has figured out a way to make big bucks from this situation.

The government commissioned some of its top university students in Pyongyang to play the games and then develop rogue programs that could robotically play the game for you automatically. South Korean enthusiasts could, if they bought this program, start up the game, walk off for a bit, then return to find themselves already at the third level with all sorts of flame throwers and grenades and other weapons of mass destruction already in your backpack. These points were convertible to actual cash.

The key to this was, of course, finding a way to purchase this robot program. It wouldn't be cheap of course. And selling the program is how North Korea figured to make money.

According to South Korea anti-terrorist chiefs, four South Korean businessmen have been arrested for organizing the hacking, which is believed to be affiliated with North Korea's Bureau 39, the organization in North Korea

that handles all international transactions such as illegal arms, counterfeiting, narcotics and ginseng sales to arrange for the purchase of this software. The scam had earned them \$6 million, according to the report (in *The New York Times*) and North Korea a much larger amount of cash.

It has, however, saved various South Korean gaming enthusiasts a whole lot of time.

MURDERERS PARDONED

Big shocking news the other day was that Haley Barbour, the outgoing governor of Mississippi had, as his last order, granted clemency to 215 dangerous criminals, some of whom were murderers. The thought of them roaming around that state sent many people into a panic.

Not to worry, though. It was just some thing by the media designed to sell newspapers or get you to watch something. One hundred and eighty-nine had already completed their prison terms and were out in the general population anyway, and the clemency was just given so they wouldn't be encumbered by such rules as not being able to vote, get professional licenses or restrict other forms of gainful employment. Thirteen others were given clemency because of health reasons and five inmates were released because they had worked at the Governor's mansion. Surely if they could work at Governor Barbour's house without murdering anybody else, they'd be fine on the outside.

HOSTESS GOES DING DONG

Hostess Brands, which makes Twinkies,

Ding Dongs, Wonder Bread and Drake's Cakes, declared bankruptcy the other day, as well they should. They have an \$850 million debt load they can't pay off, largely because of the generous pay contracts they had negotiated with the trade unions in better times. The workers there had pensions and medical insurance that would follow them and their families for the rest of their lives. This in addition to all the Ding Dongs, Twinkies, Wonder Bread and Drake's Cake they could eat. The hell with obesity.

A fellow named Jimmy Dewar created the Twinkie when he figured out a way to use a syringe on an assembly line to inject a cream inside a cake. This was in the 1930s.

"Twinkies was the best darn-tootin' idea I ever had," he famously said.

Rednecks

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fishing in Three Mile Harbor.

The girls in the family go shopping at the Hampton Market Place in East Hampton, and this is actually quite funny, because yes, the price of marinade really is \$11 there. But guess what, Waldbaums is right around the corner from that place, and you ain't paying \$11 for a thing of marinade there.

But I digress, all locals, and even city tourists get a little sticker shock when they go into a local grocery store that caters to the wealthy who are looking for specialty food items.

"What are we gonna do if they don't have a

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TWENTY SOMETHING

by David Lion Rattiner

This NFL Season

I just want to say that this NFL season has been the most dramatic, fun and entertaining since I started watching football. Every single game has been a nail biter, every single player is interesting, every single coach has amazing strategies and personalities and it has been nothing but fun. Just pure fun.

I think America really needed the NFL season. It's been one of those seasons that really reminds you of how great it is to be here. The drama has just been unreal.

Last weekend was probably one of the most pleasant football watching experiences of my entire life, and the Jets weren't even playing.

Watching The New England Patriots barely pull out a win against the Ravens was just incredible. All I could think about when the Raven's kicker missed the easiest field goal attempt in the history of field goal attempts was, "THE LACES WERE IN, THEY WERE IN!"

Ace Ventura: Pet Detective was a hell of a movie.

Tom Brady really sucked the entire game, and

he knew it. I was secretly hoping they would win though because I really wanted to see a New York Giants versus New England Super Bowl, and thankfully that wish was granted.

But holy cow. Just holy freaking cow what a couple of great games.

The NFL this year really has been an escape for me and I think for a lot of people this year. There's just nothing like it, you can't beat it. God I love football.

The Giants versus San Francisco game was like watching a boxing match where the two boxers simply were never going to go down. It was the most impressive display of defense that I've ever seen. It was just a pure slugfest. Every drive was a three and out all the way into overtime. And then it looked like it was going to continue through overtime until Jacquian Williams stripped the ball from Kyle Williamson's kick-off. And then the game came down to yet another important field goal.

But thankfully, Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes didn't blow it, and his celebration is priceless. Google it on the Internet, he runs around the field screaming in disbelief, "I'M GOING TO THE A@#\$@#\$\$ SUPERBOWL!!!!"

And that's how all of New York felt. My cellphone exploded when the game was won. I could hear people throughout Southampton Village screaming at the top of their lungs and one after another, I received text messages



AP Photo, Paul Sakuma

Game-changing play!

from friends of mine who live in New York. I watched videos of people screaming in bars and one text from my friend Paul Bozgo read, "The bartender is literally screaming and pouring shots directly into people's mouths. NEW YORK IS CRAZY RIGHT NOW!"

Although I'm sad to see that it is not the Jets, I'm still caught up in the glory of having a New York team in the Super Bowl, and most unexpectedly as well. The Giants really didn't get it together this season until the end.

Am I scared of Brady next week? Maybe a little, but it would be stupid not to be scared of a team like New England.

Then again, it would be stupid for New England not to be scared of the Giants.

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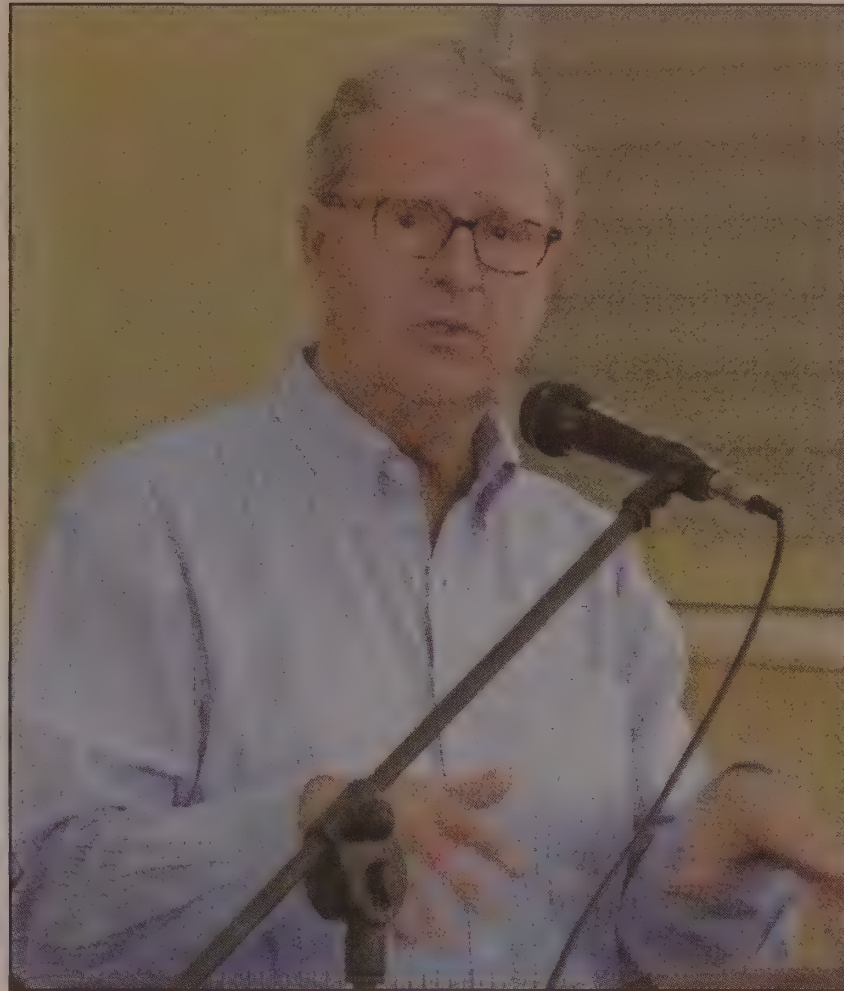
By Joan Baum

"Providential" would be a good word to describe the personal and professional arc of Robert Stuart's life. Not only does this retired, ordained Presbyterian minister continue to fulfill a sense of mission to serve, he looks back at the circumstances that have guided his course over the years—particularly his coming to The East End—and wonders, with a bit of amused contemplation, if coincidence might have been destiny.

Born in Minneapolis, Stuart moved around the Midwest growing up. He attended DePauw University, a small, prestigious liberal arts college in Southern Indiana and went on to get an M.A. in American History from the University of Wisconsin, then a center of liberal politics. Was he responding, perhaps, to a distant genetic call? Robert Beecher Stuart, it turns out, is a descendant of the brother of the great Presbyterian preacher (and East Hampton minister for 10 years), The Rev. Lyman Beecher, the father of Harriet (*Uncle Tom's Cabin*) Beecher Stowe. Stuart's Reconstruction Era thesis would certainly suggest he was following in the family line when, on a chance offer to assist a professor, he found himself exploring for his thesis the issue of education for freed slaves in regard to the 14th Amendment. It was that amendment's Equal Protection Clause, of course, that became the basis of the Supreme Court's 1954 landmark case, *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Advocacy of civil rights and promotion of human dignity have always been and continue to be at the center of Rev. Stuart's work, though it was a critical move in his mid-50s that determined his shift from secular to spiritual in pursuit of a career. A conscientious objector during the draft, he did his service at the medical center of the University of Kansas, in Kansas City, specifically in the psychiatric ward. There, he found himself involved in counseling, an experience that prompted him to consider divinity school. Graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, he was ordained in 1962, an event that also seems, in retrospect, inspired. Indeed, 2012 is a double-anniversary year for Rev. Stuart—marking the 50th anniversary of his graduating class at the seminary and 50 years as an ordained minister.

The road from Princeton to Amagansett, though less traveled by, would prove instructively divergent, providing Rev. Stuart with a wide—and deepening—perspective on the spiritual needs of the country. His first position, as minister of a Presbyterian



Rev. Robert Stuart

The road from Princeton to Amagansett, though less traveled by, would prove instructively divergent.

church in Wheeling, West Virginia, lasted four years and was followed by a 15-year appointment in Ringwood, New Jersey, a borough of Passaic County. The mid-70s, however, presented challenges that became life-changing, personally and professionally. A divorce granted him custody of his son, Tom, and no doubt prompted a decision to travel cross country, a mode of inner reassessment much in the American grain. The two went backpacking in the Cascade Mountains in Washington State, where, with Tom, and a cat and dog, Rev. Stuart took on an interim ministry. The position was short-lived, though, and as he considered his next move, thinking of the many contacts he had made over the years back east, he remembered Linda Westerhoff whose family owned John Duck Restaurant

and whose uncle, a minister, he had once assisted in Ringwood. Serendipity or . . .?

There was, he learned, an opening at the Presbyterian Church in Springs, though not full-time. There was also an opening in Amagansett. "Timing, timing, timing," Rev. Stuart smiles, but then adds with a sobering sense of history that the 80's also determined his pastoral direction as an AIDS counselor. "This was before drugs and when men, mostly men, were dying." Early in 1985, he met with others in Southampton to institute counseling sessions for victims of AIDS, an initiative that would soon be merged into the larger Long Island Association for AIDS Care. But the impulse to do this kind of outreach work was strengthened by his acknowledging to himself, in 1985, and then to the church four years later, that he was gay. The church, he says, was supportive.

Though treatment for AIDS has dramatically changed with the refinement of various drugs, the "healing" idea took on new significance for Rev. Stuart who extended it to serving the homeless (Maureen's Haven is a particular interest to him) and to anyone seeking spiritual comforting. He established a healing service in Amagansett, "something new," and also introduced at Christ Church in Sag Harbor more intimate monthly one-on-one meditation and prayer sessions, replete with anointing heads with oil. In his retirement, Rev. Stuart has become an active member in this Episcopal church. And he became involved with Cuba, "a rich and rewarding experience" that continues to this day.

The Cuban partnership, a mission between Presbyterian churches and Cuban Presbyterian churches is nationwide, though the small group of 7-8 people who travel from The East End centers its activities

in Guines, 30 miles southeast of Havana. Working with the U.S. Treasury Department, the group transports money to Cuba and also engages with the local population, visiting homes, institutions and clinics. "We learn, they learn." Rev. Stuart speaks "some Spanish," enough to make himself understood, and friendships are formed and reinforced by correspondence and visits to this country. All this in so-called retirement.

For the last six years, Rev. Stuart has been volunteering at Christ Episcopal Church in Sag Harbor, teaching a Wednesday evening Bible class, serving on the Vestry and chairing the Church's Stewardship Committee (seeking

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THE HAMPTON SUBWAY NEWSLETTER

"Along with the New York Subway System, Hampton's Subway is the only underground transit system in the State of New York."



By Dan Rattiner

Week of January 20-26, 2012

Riders this week: 8,422
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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Republican hopeful Rick Perry was the only one of the four candidates speaking in our company cafeteria in Hampton Bays who took the subway to get there. He was spotted on the Westhampton to Hampton Bays line.

REPUBLICAN DEBATE

The big news this week for Hampton Subway was the debate held in our cafeteria by the four Republican hopefuls. Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich stared at each other through much of it. Rick Santorum asked each how they got named Mitt and Newt respectively, they are so odd. Neither chose to respond directly. Romney talked about the necessity of fielding an opponent against Obama who was not a whacko. Gingrich said it was all about the

economy, stupid. After the debate ended, the employees were polled about who they favored. The results were 18 all of them, 18 none of them, 4 Romney, 3 Gingrich, 2 Perry and 1 Santorum. A write-in for Sarah Palin was not counted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY "HAPPY" JONES

Happy Jones, one of the happiest people ever, is 41 years old this Wednesday. He's worked on the subway system all his adult life, starting out as a shoe shine boy on the Southampton platform, then becoming a newsboy hawking the daily paper on the East Hampton platform, then turning in his bicycle to become a porter in the dining car, then doing a stint handing out towels in the men's room. He loves working on the subway system no matter what he does, and his most recent job is mopping and then waxing the Hampton Bays platform five times a day. Everybody loves Happy. He has a wink and a smile for everybody no matter what he does. We celebrate in the Hampton Subway cafeteria at 3 p.m. Tuesday when everyone is invited to come down and have some of the

wonderful Angel Food Cake with a candle in it that Happy is baking for everyone. No gifts please!

SIGNAGE

Hampton Subway is a member of the Metropolitan Transit Authority in New York. Sometimes we wish we weren't. Last month, the MTA refused a request for us to add more signs on the platforms and stairs indicating directions to the trains. They said we only have one platform and one train going though at each stop so having more signs was just clutter. Also they saw no need to indicate that subway was the "A Line," since they were all the same trains. We now ask our straphangers to step forward. For \$250 you can adopt a sign reading THIS WAY TO THE A LINE. There is currently just one sign at each platform. We want to add six more so it looks more like a real subway station. Pick your platform.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

I have been down here in Mexico City this past week with my friend former Mayor Rudolph Guiliani. He had a contract for a while as an adviser to the subway system down here and the attendant Mexico City police force. The subway system here is quite overwhelming, with lots of stops and lots of lines. I find it confusing especially since none of it is in English.

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financial support for each forthcoming year), and on Sundays assisting the priest on the altar as Eucharistic Minister. He also continues to maintain his association with the Amagansett Presbyterian Church, where he had been minister for 17 years. Though he had begun to spend more time on various volunteer efforts, he happened to stop in a few years ago at Christ Episcopal and liked the church so much that the chance visit turned into a more formal relationship. The Sag Harbor church reminded him of Amagansett's with its small-size congregation and familial atmosphere, but he also fell in love with the church aesthetically, "the architecture, those stained glass windows." He became a regular and constant presence.

As if community service were not enough, Rev. Stuart also tends to personal interests. For several years he sang with The Choral Society of the Hamptons (tenor), and for three of those years served as piano accompanist. DePauw's website, by the way, notes that the university has "one of the nation's first schools of music." Nature and nurture will out: Though son Tom and his long-time partner Brian, whom he met at The New York Choral Society, wait tables in high-end restaurants, they also perform, giving annual recitals at The Montauk Library, Tom on piano.

Rev. Stuart also attends the Ashawagh Hall Writers' Workshop. He's now in his 29th year—"the only original member"—and though he's been concentrating on fiction and nonfiction

(including drafts of a memoir), he's also had poetry published by Canio's and Guestwords in *The East Hampton Star*. Much of his writing has to do with his "profession"—literally keeping the faith. We live in an "age of distraction," without provision for spiritual space, "stressful times" that are felt especially by adolescents and young adults and by the unemployed and underclass "limited by social and/or financial constraints." He would counter such anxiety by advising meditation in a "safe place," urging people of any age to take a "time out" that might prove "healing and restorative," or seek a "sacred" place for realizing order, communion with others or an Other, and finding inner peace. To which one can only say, Amen.

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National Parks system, preserving millions of acres of the national wilderness for wildlife and the citizenry. He sent the U. S. Navy fleet, painted white for the occasion, on a world tour to demonstrate American might. His slogan was "speak softly and carry a big stick." He also negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War at a cabin in New Hampshire, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, and he caused the building and completion of the Panama Canal, so ships could navigate from the Atlantic to the Pacific without having to go around the southern tip of South America.

In 1909, he declined to run for what would have been a third term, and instead headed off on a month long safari in Africa to shoot big game. On his return, he retired to Oyster Bay to attend to his family, which by this time, with a new wife, now included six children.

Roosevelt's time in Montauk has been memorialized by the purchase of the 1,126-acre cattle ranch in that town formerly known as Deep Hollow. It is now known as Theodore Roosevelt County Park.

In 1997, U. S. Congressman Rick Lazio caused Congress to vote Teddy Roosevelt his Medal of Honor posthumously. He is the only American President to ever receive the Medal of Honor. And he is the only U. S. President to receive both the Nobel Prize for Peace and the Medal of Honor.

Personally, I think a statue of this great President should be created and displayed on the Village Green in the Center of Montauk. Teddy Roosevelt—sportsman, author, soldier, governor, President—was indeed the Hamptons' most effective, rigorous and famous summer resident.

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Walmart there?" says one of the mothers in the show.

"UMMMM...DRIVE TO FREAKING RIVERHEAD!!!!" I yell at my television screen.

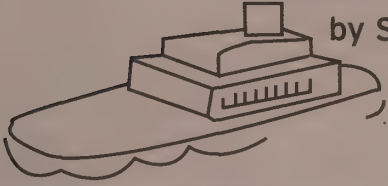
The show is definitely watchable. It is quite hilarious to watch Patrick Christiano, an openly gay man who surely has never touched a hunting bow, get talked into giving it a shot. And, the family really does seem close knit and very nice, so I want the show to succeed just because they genuinely seem like nice people.

I'll be watching further episodes of this show out of curiosity to see how many locals I recognize in it. And yes, it will be funny to see a bunch of rednecks crash a Hamptons party (something of a hobby of mine during the summer time), so I'll be tuning in.

You can catch the show on Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. on the CMT Network.

THE SHELTERED ISLANDER

by Sally Flynn



Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight

Recently there was some really big news on Shelter Island. An event of immense proportion with a potentially explosive outcome...the school boiler was on the fritz and the whole school had to be evacuated.

Imagine the shock and horror of students who were about to take a test. Or those just waiting to turn in their homework in the next class. I think of all those poor, innocent, impressionable young souls, just longing to spend hours and hours in class, looking pensively out of huge windows into the bleak January cold. Imagine the panic and sorrow they experienced when they heard the announcement that the school would be evacuated.

Many students were heard to shout, "Thank God!" "Hallelujah!" "Free at Last!" I figure that those were the more sensitive and devout

students. They probably formed prayer groups on the lawn of the school and prayed for the old boiler. They prayed a cure would be found soon so they could return to their classes.

Some, okay, many, other students were heard to whisper profanities—yes, right here on Shelter Island, there are young people who know profanities. I believe it was most likely the shock of being torn from their concentrations that caused so many to curse. They were probably contemplating topics for their future doctoral thesis when the boiler event happened.

I think of all of them standing in the cold, wondering, will school be closed early? Will they be sent home? The thought of early release, being forced to raid their refrigerators at home ahead of schedule and play extra hours of video games...those poor darlings. Years from now, they will all recall the event

at high school reunions, and remember what they were doing the day the boiler broke. The big event my generation had was the middle-aged teacher who married the 18-year-old student right after graduation. That was a huge scandal then. Of course, today, when students and teachers have affairs all the time, our scandal wouldn't have even hit the radar. But it was a great scandal then, real "Peyton Place" stuff. Love conquered all, including age, common wisdom, and public opinion. It taught me to always remember; "Love is blind, but the neighbors ain't."

It all proves what I've always said, Shelter Island is an exciting place to live. It moves and changes with glacial speed through time. The unique Island, where generations of third cousins marry and as a result, all the men are handsome, all the women smart, and all the children are gifted.



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HAMPTONS EPICURE

Stacy Dermont



I'm running this off this week!

Sometimes my arms move really fast...

Recently I took up running. This statement guarantees my friends and family who read this column a spot of exercise too—they've just fallen off of their chairs!

How does an overfed homebody like me start RUNNING? It just came to me. Other people do it. My husband for instance, our kid. I heard on National Public Radio a while back that humans may have once been the biggest runners in the animal kingdom—perhaps running 60 miles to tire out a bigger beast and then moving in for the kill. This scenario holds little appeal, but nothin' beats endorphins.

At David Rattiner's suggestion, I run at night. He told me that that's what he does. I was afraid that it would keep me up—you're not supposed to exercise within four hours of

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Confidential: A Fisherman's Memoir. The book explores the local fishing community and Melnyk's childhood spent "living on the edge."

Bridgehampton's jetsetting hair stylist **Marc Zowine** met friends from London and points east to ring in the New Year at a party in Istanbul. He made it back in plenty of time to celebrate his assistant **Atzi's** birthday last week.

Billy Joel has taken the oceanfront Sagaponack home he bought for ex-wife **Katie Lee** in 2007 off the market. When asked why, his real estate agent said "personal use." The 5,500-square-foot home, which once belonged to the late **Roy Scheider**, was originally listed for \$22.5 million before being reduced to \$16.75 million.

In other real estate news, after two tries, Blue Man Group co-founder **Chris Wink** has sold his I.M. Pei-designed Amagansett home. The four-bedroom house was listed for the second time last April for \$5.75 million, and reportedly sold for \$4.4 million.

Bridgehampton National Bank has announced the promotions of **Patricia Horan** and **Joseph Walsh** to Senior Vice President and **Keith Robertson** and **Lance Burke** to Vice President.

Town and Country Real Estate continues to grow as the company welcomes agents **Kathleen Beckman** and **Patti Leber** to their

Montauk office.

Southampton's **Jean Shafiroff** and The Weinstein Company hosted a luncheon with **Michelle Williams** and **Kenneth Branagh** in honor of The Weinstein Company film *My Week with Marilyn* at Cecconi's in West Hollywood.

Anderson Cooper recently bought the waterfront property adjacent to his Quogue home for \$1.7 million. The new spread includes a four-bedroom house on 2.4 acres. The bucolic site is the former home of Oscar winning screenwriter of *On the Waterfront*, **Budd Schulberg** who died in 2009.

The Recording Academy named Amagansett's **Paul McCartney** their 2012 MusiCares Person of the Year for his artistic and philanthropic efforts. McCartney will be celebrated in a star-studded bash at the Los Angeles Convention Center next month.

Southampton resident **Edward Burns** premiered his new movie, *Newlyweds*, at the Crosby Street Hotel in New York City last week. Guests included South Fork neighbor **Calvin Klein**, **Connie Britton**, **Brian Williams** and **Michael McGlone**.

South Fork residents **Barbara Walters**, **Matt Lauer** and **Katie Couric** celebrated the "Today" show's 60th anniversary last week in a bash held at Manhattan's Edison Ballroom.

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bedtime. So, for the fifth night in a row now, I'll get home from work, shuck off the skirt, throw sweat pants on over my leggings and head for Sag Harbor's back streets. I can't decide if I'd look more or less ridiculous if I suited up in workout attire. But I decided a while ago that I was not going to buy myself any new clothes until I'd lost some weight. That was in...2007? I now own two and a half outfits and no matching socks.

At a company party last month our Business Manager Sue Weber told me that "if she did all the restaurant reviews that I do she'd weigh 300 pounds." I joked that I was trying to stay under 200 pounds. Then I realized that that's not such a joke...

Paula Deen just announced she has diabetes like she invented it but is innocent on all counts. I don't want an invitation to that party.

I haven't made a point of exercising in the past because I just don't seem to have any time. But I've discovered that if I put myself out on the street in sneakers—there's not much else to do.

I'm not really sure that a lot of what I do out there qualifies as running—it's probably more of a jog, but sometimes my arms move really fast. Because I grew up on a farm, uneven sidewalks and potholes aren't too much of a problem—I "clod hop" automatically.

Rest assured there are bouts of walking, I have time to think out there. Sometimes I talk out loud to myself about the day's stresses. Sometimes I think about runner's high. I know I'm years and many miles away from experiencing a runner's high, but it's nice to think about.

Onward into this new year.

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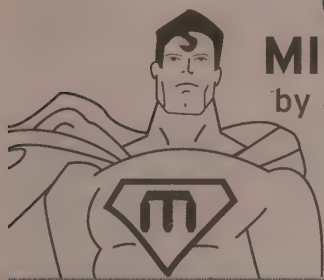
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CAPTAIN MICROCHIP

by Matthew Apfel

Winter NESTing: The NextGen Thermostat

Winter has been a little late arriving this year. While we've enjoyed relatively mild temperatures and avoided paralyzing storms, it's always wise to think about ways to improve your home heating and cooling system.

I first wrote about the virtues of remote thermostats in October 2011. Remote systems help you save a fair amount of money on utility bills. You can also monitor your home while away, and avert a potential disaster if your boiler fails in the dead of winter. While I outlined several good options in my review, a new product recently hit the market—and it has captured the imagination of tech geeks around the world.

I'm talking about the NEST. It's an elegant "smart" thermostat system that some are calling "the iPod of thermostats"—and for good reason: it was invented by Tony Fadell, a former Apple engineer who once led Apple's iPod and iPhone division. Fadell raised an estimated \$50 million in venture funding for NEST and hired a team of rock star engineers that closely resembles the 1927 New York Yankees. NEST clearly has the right corporate pedigree—but does the product deliver the goods?

If you believe most pundits, the answer is yes. Some have gone so far as to claim that the NEST is the first piece of technology that is truly smarter than humans. Why? For starters, it has no buttons or complicated programs, just a simple round dial and a large LED display that shows the present temperature. OK, I'm going with it.

For the first week or so, your only job is to enter the correct date and time and then adjust the NEST's dial whenever you're too cold or too warm. That's it. Just tell the NEST how you're feeling, and the system uses sophisticated algorithms to learn your living

habits at all times of day. It automatically adjusts the temperature on a moment's notice, avoiding daily inefficiencies of overheating or overcooling.

There are many other smart thermostats on the market. So what's so special about this one? By learning when you're home, when you're away, when you're asleep, and when you're eating pizza on the couch, the NEST always knows your preferred temperature. This solves a huge problem: most other systems are so difficult to program that many people simply don't bother doing it. By making the NEST so easy to program, you can save hundreds of dollars a year.

And since the NEST was conceived from the minds of Apple, there's also an app for it—a free remote program that lets you monitor and adjust the temperature through your home's

Wi-Fi network.

If there's one drawback to the NEST, it's the amount of time you need to spend with it—especially when you first install it. Remember, the more you monitor and adjust the system, the more it will learn from your habits. So if you want to get the most out of your NEST, you need to commit to really teaching it what temperature you prefer at different times of day.

Kind of like a small child.

So what does all this cost? The NEST retails for \$249 plus installation fees depending on your level of home know-how. Is it worth the investment? So far consumers think so—it completely sold out for 2011. While more units are shipping in 2012, you can also buy them at various web resellers for \$350 to \$450.

Stay warm, and enjoy your winter!

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Anna Wintour is spearheading a "Runway to Win" fundraiser to benefit President Obama's re-election campaign. To help the cause, East Enders Diddy, Russell Simmons, Vera Wang, Diane Van Furstenberg and Tory Burch are designing T-shirts, tote bags, scarves and bracelets. Merchandise will go on sale February 7 on runwaytowin.com. All

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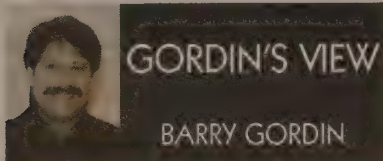
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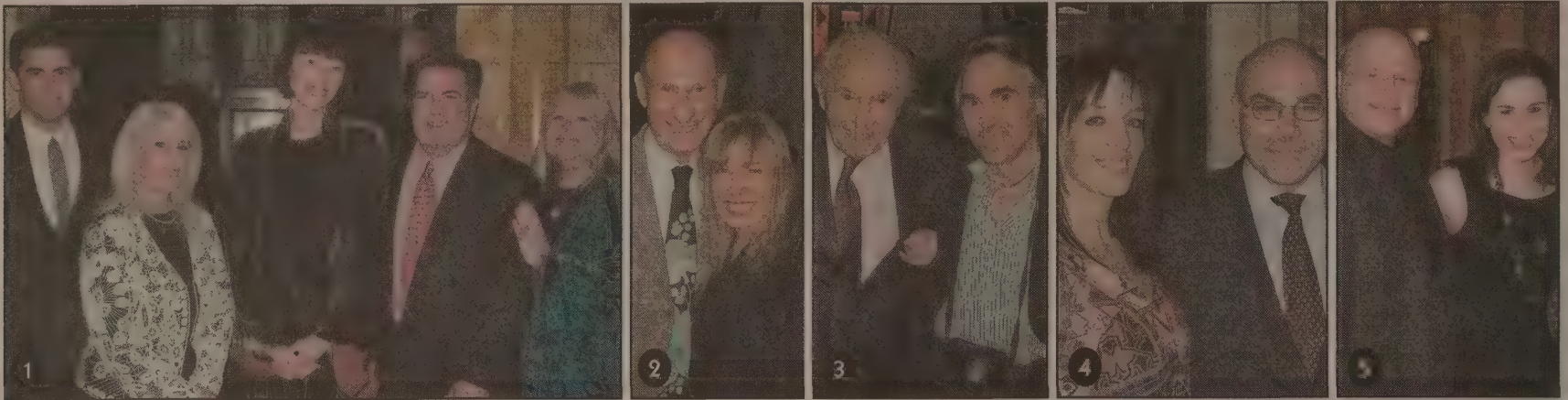
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A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC & LAUGHS

Jamie deRoy & friends held court at The Friars Club in NYC where Hamptonites and guests were presented with music and laughs at the hilarious, star-studded evening.



1. Tony DeSare, Jamie deRoy, Karen Akers, Kevin Meaney, Heather Mac Rae 2. Michael & Jane Wind 3. Irving B. Gruber, Terry Gruber 4. Julia Murney, Michael Gyure (Executive Director, Friars Club) 5. Douglas Denoff, Rachel Stange

THE HOUSEWIVES OF SAG HARBOR



A soirée was given at the home of Audrey Gaul for The Housewives of Sag Harbor. The ladies enjoyed chatting and dining. The topics of a one-hour discussion were picked from an envelope. Chatter was intense.

1. Attorney Heather Palmore, Audrey Gaul (Host)
2. Bettye Easley, Vivian Wallace, Darry Willoughby, Claudia Swarsky, Mary Redd, Gayle Graves

EAST END CHEFS

Photos: John Davenport

The Old Whalers' Church in Sag Harbor featured owner Luis Fernando and Chef Josue from Cilantro's, which serves "healthy, authentic" Mexican takeout.



1. Pastor Mark Phillips, Josue Jaurequi, (Head Chef of Cilantro's), Lillian Woodsma (Host)
2. Carla O'Donoghue, participant.

Charla Krupp, 58

By Kelly Laffey

Sagaponack resident Charla Krupp, a popular beauty and fashion author and commentator, lost her battle with breast cancer on January 23.

A national household name, Krupp was the author of *How Not to Look Old* and the follow-up, *How to Never Look Fat Again*, earning her a combined total of 22 weeks on *The New York Times* Best Seller List. She shared her style expertise with NBC's "Today" as a contributor for 10 years. She was well known for her accessible approach to style, as she introduced trends that could be enjoyed by all women. In addition, Krupp's keen eye for fashion was recognized on over 30 national television shows, including "The View," "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Wendy Williams," "Entertainment Tonight," "Extra," "Access Hollywood," "The Tyra Banks Show," "The Rachael Ray Show" and "Good Morning America."

An award-winning magazine journalist, Krupp most recently served as a contributing editor to *People StyleWatch*. Previously, she worked as the entertainment editor for *Glamour* magazine for 15 years, creating the publication's popular "Women of the Year Awards." She also helped to establish *InStyle* magazine as a leader in style and beauty publications. Krupp later joined *Shop Etc.* as



executive editor, and she wrote a monthly column, "Fashion for Grown-Ups," for *More Magazine*. Krupp's illustrious career in the media also included editorial contributions to *Time Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *Town & Country*, *Chicago Tribune* and *USA Today Weekend*.

"She had such a brave face," "Today" co-anchor Ann Curry said on the show, echoing the sentiment that Krupp refused to let her diagnosis suppress her energy. "She was so vibrant... she'd always come up with these coinages that would make

you smile."

Krupp, who divided her time between the East End and Manhattan, leaves behind husband Richard Zoglin, *Time Magazine's* theatre critic. She is also survived by mother Esther Krupp, of Northbrook, Ill., sister Lora Nasby of Murrieta, Calif., brother Jay Krupp of Buffalo Grove, Ill., and two nieces, Mollie and Jamie Krupp of Buffalo Grove.

To honor Krupp's memory and continue her support of women in media, Krupp's family has established The Charla Krupp Memorial Fund for Women in Media at the University of Illinois College of Media, Krupp's alma mater. Donations may be mailed to the University of Illinois Foundation (1305 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61802) or given online at www.media.illinois.edu/give.

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proceeds benefit the Obama Victory Fund.

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Hamptonites designer **Donna Karan** and fashion executive **Fern Mallis** who transformed Fashion Week into the mega glam event it is today, shared the stage at the 92nd Street Y for a fascinating talk on the inner workings of the fashion industry.

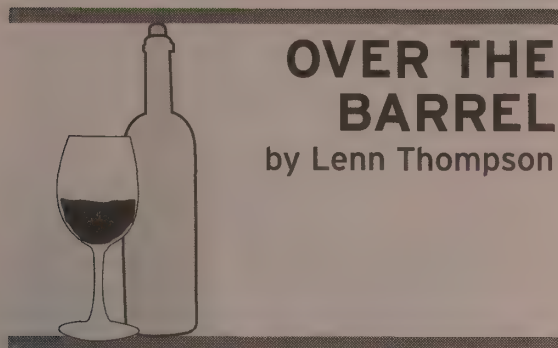
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Alec Baldwin will deliver The Americans for the Arts 25th Annual **Nancy Hanks** Lecture on April 16 at The **John F. Kennedy** Center for the Performing Arts. The lecture is presented by Americans for the Arts in partnership with Ovation, the only television network dedicated to all forms of artistic expression. "Alec Baldwin has been a stalwart supporter of our mission to ensure that ALL Americans have access to the arts and arts education," said **Robert L. Lynch** president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. "He understands the vital role the arts sector plays in building and sustaining our nation's economy as well as the profound impact the arts have in creating and shaping America's cultural identity The Nancy Hanks Lecture is the leading national forum for arts policy," Past lecturers include **Robert Redford**, **Wynton Marsalis**, **William Safire**, **Ken Burns**, and **Doris Kearns Goodwin**.

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Merlot, chardonnay, cabernet franc, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, Riesling... there are several grapes – and wines – that you probably think of before you get to gewurztraminer, a spicy, floral grape that most people either love or hate.

I'm firmly in the "love" camp and we're lucky to have three local producers making outstanding renditions.

The Lenz Winery, located in Peconic, has built its reputation primarily on the back of its merlot and sparkling wine programs – and with good reason. Winemaker Eric Fry's merlot, particularly his "Old Vines" bottlings are always standouts. Similarly, his sparkling wines are always among the top in the region. But, one of the real gems of the portfolio is the Gewurztraminer. Fry has a certain affection for the grape, and it shows.

In some ways, Lenz Winery 2007 Gewurztraminer (\$20) is like 10 pounds of gewurtz in a five-pound bag – and in this case, I mean that as a good thing. There is a lot of gewurtz going on here. The nose is

super spicy and floral, combining lychee, cinnamon, ground ginger and rose petals with underlying pineapple and melon aromas. Though a bit less floral, the palate is intense, and rich-but-balanced, with ripe fruit flavors of pineapple, lychee and cantaloupe sprinkled with ginger and brown spices. It's dry, with enough acidity to balance the richness. Medium-long on the finish, it ends with floral notes and a slightly bitter quality many expect from the variety.

Though once near-sister wineries, the Corey Creek Vineyards label has been almost entirely absorbed by the mother Bedell Cellars label over the past several years. The chardonnays, cabernet francs and rosés all wear the Bedell label now, but one holdout – at least for now – is the Corey Creek Vineyards 2010 Gewurztraminer (\$35).

Pretty honeysuckle and rose petal aromas are backed by lemon-grapefruit citrus, gingery spice and a hint of classic lychee nut. The lychee and spice qualities are a bit more intense on the balanced, forward palate, adding layers of complexity to sweet-fruit flavors of lemon and tangerine. Floral notes re-emerge towards the end of the mid-palate and lead into a medium-length finish that shows pleasant bitterness.

Anthony Nappa Wines, the private label of former Shinn Estate Vineyards winemaker Anthony Nappa offers Anthony Nappa Wines 2010 Spezia (\$18) a gewurztraminer for gewurztraminer lovers like me.

Spezia is Italian for "spice" – and this is a wine that delivers a heaping pile of varietal character. Bursting with complex aromas of tropical fruit, peach, gingery spice, and rose petal the nose also features a grapefruit-spice-herb.

Though hefty at 14.6% abv, the dry, mouth-filling palate wears that alcohol well, offering a mélange



of tropical fruits – pineapple, mango and papaya – with notes of fig, spicy candied ginger, and more of that floral-herbal quality. Ripe, but focused, there is great balance here with subtle varietal bitterness and beautifully incorporated acidity.

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Contact organizations, as some require ticket purchase or advanced registration.

UPCOMING

LENZ BARREL TASTINGS WITH ERIC FRY – February 4,5,18,19, March 3,4,17,18. 38355 Main Rd., Peconic. 631-734-6010. www.lenzwine.com.

NO DOUBT WORLD FAMOUS MONDAY NIGHT BAND – 2/12, 2 p.m. Second concert of its 66th consecutive season, including selections from J.S. Bach, Henry Filmore, Girolamo Frescobaldi and John Philip Sousa. Howard Hovey Auditorium, Pulaski Street School, 300 Pulaski Street, RVD. 727-6538. Free

WINTER WINE DINNER – 3/10, 4-6:30 p.m. Lenz Winery, 38355 Main Rd., Peconic. 631-734-6010. www.lenzwine.com.

THURSDAY, 26

SHERWOOD HOUSE MUSIC – 4-8 p.m. Sherwood House Vineyard, 1291 Main Road, Jamesport. 779-2817. www.sherwoodhousevineyards.com. Free.

OPEN MIC NIGHT – 6-9 p.m., Peconic Bay Winery, 31320 Main Rd., Cutchogue. www.peconicbaywinery.com. 631-734-7361. Free.

FRIDAY, 27

EAST END ARTS ANNUAL MEMBERS' ART SHOW: CHARACTERS – 1/27-2/24, Suffolk County Community College's Riverhead campus, 1 Speonk-Riverhead Road, Riverhead. 631-369-2171, www.eastendarts.org. Free.

FIRESIDE FRIDAYS – 4-7 p.m., Live music and glass specials. Sherwood House Vineyards, 1291 Main Rd.

Jamesport. www.sherwoodhousevineyard.com, 631-779-2817.

LIVE MUSIC – 5:30-8:30 p.m., live music, Peconic Bay Winery, 31320 Main Rd, Cutchogue. www.peconicbaywinery.com, 631-734-7361. Free.

SATURDAY, 28

ARTIST RECEPTION – 6-9 p.m., Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, 235 Carpenter Street, Greenport. Meet East Hampton artist Laura Benjamin as she presents her solo exhibition, "Wrapper's Delight." 631-513-9023, LauraBenjaminArt.com.

SATURDAY EVENING STARGAZING – 7 p.m. – midnight. Custer Observatory, 1115 Main Bayview Road Southold. 631-765-2626. www.custerobservatory.org. Suggested \$5 donation adults, \$3 Kids, Free for members.

SUNDAY, 29

FREE TOUR SUNDAYS – 1-2 p.m., Sparkling Pointe Tasting House, 39750 County Rd. 48, Southold, 631-765-0200. Learn the secrets of Methode Champenoise and Sparkling Wines as your tour guide brings you throughout the cellar of the winery and (weather permitting) to parts of the vineyard! Reservations Required. Groups are Limited.

LIVE MUSIC – 1-4 p.m., Live music with East End Trio. Martha Clara Vineyard, Take Three, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075, www.marthaclaravineyards.com. Free admission.

MONDAY, 30

FREE YOGA – 3-4:15 p.m. Mary Smith Recreation Center, Greenport. Free Hatha Yoga classes for beginners. Bring non-skid, body-length mat. 631-765-3005.

TUESDAY, 31

DRIVE-BY BIRDING – 8 a.m., North Fork Audubon Society's Tuesdays with Tom program. Meet at the Mattituck Shopping Center, Route 25, Mattituck. Drive

to East End hotspots looking for wintering species of birds including white-crowned sparrows, rough-legged hawks, merlins, and more. Call 631-275-3202 if you plan to attend. Free.

WEDNESDAY, 1

GIRLS NIGHT OUT – every Wednesday beginning at 3:30 p.m., Cooperage Inn, 2218 Sound Ave., Baiting Hollow. Reservations 631-727-8994. www.cooperageinn.com.

THURSDAY, 2

MAUREEN'S HAVEN RIBBON CUTTING – 1-3 p.m., Maureen's Haven, 28 Lincoln Street, RVD. Ribbon cutting to celebrate opening of day center, day center tours, refreshments. 727-6831, www.maureenshaven.com.

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ONGOING EVENTS

SKATEBOARDING – Skate park in Greenport offers ramps and a half pipe. 631-477-2385.

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LifeStyle



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

with Maria Tennariello

I know that we are all thinking about getting into shape for the upcoming summer season and with Valentine's Day right around the corner, think about all the delish candies and goodies that are presented to us every year, and how we are going to get those calories burned off? Maybe just by turning them down, or getting on that treadmill so that whatever we eat, goes south the next day. At **Hamptons Gym Corp's** all three locations; there is a special inclusive three-gym access for \$199 that is now being offered for a limited time in Southampton, Sag Harbor and East Hampton. It's a good chance to get started on getting back into shape after all the holidays, log onto www.hamptonsgymcorp.com

At **Suffolk Designer Lighting**, 455 County Road 39A, Southampton, you are sure to find exquisitely crafted designer lighting fixtures that complement homes, estates and businesses of the Hamptons and Palm Beach area. You will love best lighting designs from Ralph Lauren, Visual Comfort, Thomas O'Brien and Jonathan Adler, just to name a few.



Metal Monk, Greenport

Adornments, 83 Main Street, Sag Harbor is the place to go for gift giving for Valentine's Day. Look for a huge assortment of unique jewelry, handbags and accessories. 631-725-0051, www.adornmentsfinejewelry.com.

Some of us love custom-made fashions, if you are a fan, **Tani Keller** features couture for evening, bridal sportswear, leathers and more for any and every occasion. Keller, an award winning fashion designer has dressed many celebs, boasts precision tailoring and wardrobe consulting, along with private fittings. For information and appointments call 917-992-1293 – log onto www.tanikeller.com

If you are looking for "The Hamptonite" totes (\$79), a great gift for any occasion, look no further, they are available at **Hamptons Toile**, based in Sag Harbor, click onto www.hamptonstoile.com and place your order or by phone at 631-329-0441...you will love it!

Think about getting your outdoor patio or deck in shape for the upcoming season as well...I know I am rushing it a bit, but...thinking ahead is best! At **Dodds & Eder**, 11 Bridge Street, Sag Harbor and at their Oyster Bay location also, look for fine outdoor furniture, furnishings and accessories, home décor and fun gifts. Landscape design and



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installation to fit your lifestyle is also on the menu here. 631-725-1175, www.doddsandeder.com.

Twist, 46 Jobs Lane, Southampton is the place to shop for a unique assortment of women's and tweens contemporary fashions, accessories and gifts. This shop is a good source for your Valentine's Day gifts for that special person on your list. 631-287-7990, www.twistsouthampton.com.

On The North Fork:

Step into the **Metal Monk**, 15 Front Street #4, Greenport for a nice selection of special fanciful necklaces and earrings that feature recycled findings and fabrics. Very retro indeed! 631-477-2722.

In line and ready to go for Valentine's Day gift giving, the **Love Lane Sweet Shoppe**, 125 Love Lane, Mattituck specializes in a wide variety of candy and gourmet goodies for all occasions. There is a nice selection of Godiva chocolate, nostalgic candy, gourmet foods, toys, and gifts. The shop also offers special personalized gift baskets for those extra special occasions. 631-298-2276, www.lovelanesweets.com.

Nearby at **Mattituck Florist**, there are endless possibilities for gift giving. In the mix are unique gifts, floral arrangements, pottery and garden statuary along with festive holiday décor. 631-298-5840, www.mattituckflorist.com.

The Impulse Boutique, 429 Main Street, Greenport is strutting its stuff just in time for those special Valentine's Day gifts. The boutique's specialties are an eclectic array of dresses, apparel and accessories...this is the sister store to the Impulse Boutique in Southampton and Port Washington...631-477-2181.

Until next week, Ciao and Happy Shopping!

If you have any questions or your shop is having sales, new inventory, re-opening, or you are a brand new business; my readers want to hear about it. E-mail me at: Shoptil@danspapers.com or – I will be happy to get the word out!

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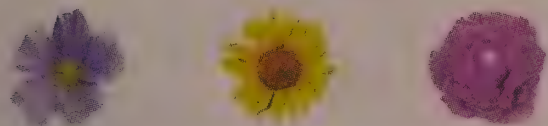


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THE VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

Jeanelle Myers



When the weather in winter is as warm as it is these days, it is a good time to catch up on that basic pruning that may have been passed over in years past between late winter snow and early spring warmth. The kind of pruning that involves removing those old branches from shrubs so that the new growth is dominate. Tree pruning and rose pruning can be done now. And while you are out there, you may want to cut some branches of forsythia, pussy willow or witch hazel to bring into the house for forcing. Other tree and shrub branches can be forced as well but they need a longer dormant

time and should not be brought into the house until late February or March. Branches should be brought inside in relation to their bloom cycles in nature, forsythia, pussy willows and witch hazel being the first.

When you cut them, make the cut as you would any good pruning cut, close to the trunk or the bud and not leaving any stubs. Cut branches 12 to 18 inches long keeping in mind the shape of the shrub after the branch is removed. If it is freezing cold on the day you remove them they will need to be warmed up in the house by being submerged in a bath of cold water for several hours or overnight. Given the recent weather, however, that will probably not be necessary. In this case they can be put into a container and set into a dim room for several days until the buds start to swell. When this happens, bring them into more light to help color develop. Do not bring them into the house and put them into direct sun or the buds may dry up and fall off. A good spray daily to keep them moist will also help. Be sure to keep the water in the vase clean. Recutting the stems and smashing very hard woody ones every few days will help them retain the ability to drink water.

It often happens with forsythia and pussy willows that these branches root in the water during this blooming. Oh Boy!! These twigs can be planted and will become new shrubs. When the roots are about ¼" long, plant the twig into potting soil and keep it in a well-lighted room but not in direct sun. About the middle of May, you can begin to harden them off by gradually moving them outside the same way house plants are introduced to the outside each spring. After the plants have developed a good set of roots, they are ready to be planted in the ground. It will take a few years to develop into a sizable shrub but the thrill of growing a shrub from a twig is sufficient for me.

Red, Yellow and coral twig dogwoods can be sprouted this way also and the late winter/early spring is the time to cut them back to the ground. I also cut paniculata hydrangeas and buddleias back to the ground in the late winter/early spring and they can be rooted the same way.

I just heard that the cold weather is coming soon so some flowering branches will be reminders of spring to come

For gardening discussion call Jeanelle Myers at 631-434-5067.

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UPCOMING

TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND BARN DANCE - 2/4, 8 p.m. Water Mill Community House, Montauk Hwy. WM. Sponsored by the Long Island Traditional Music Association. 631-725-3103, www.LITMA.org. \$14 Adults, \$7 Students, Children up to 16 free with adult.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARD WORKSHOP - 2/11, 10-11 a.m. Ages 6-9. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, EH. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. \$5/\$3 Members.

SAG HARBOR'S HARBORFROST - 2/11, noon - 6 p.m. www.sagharborchamber.com.

SNOW TUBING TRIP TO BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT - 2/21, Bus departs Red Creek Park at 12:30 p.m. and returns at 1 a.m. Sponsored by the Town of Southampton Youth Bureau. For youths 12 years and older, younger children welcome with an adult. 631-702-2425. www.southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau. \$55 includes transportation and ticket.

VACATION ART WEEK - 2/20 -- 2/24, 10 a.m. -- noon Every day a different project! Ages 6-9. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, EH. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. \$20/\$16 Members per day.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - 3/2, 6-10:30 p.m., SYS, 1370A Majors Path, SH. Open to students in 6th - 12th grades. 631-702-2425, www.sysinc.org. \$15 Pre-register by 2/24, \$30 at door.

THURSDAY, 26

GOAT ON A BOAT PLAYGROUP - 9:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org.
HENRY V - 1 p.m., 6 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay Street, SGH. Acting teachers and directors from Shakespeare & Co. from Lenox, MA spend three weeks with the students at Hayground School exploring and producing parts of a Shakespeare play, which this year is *Henry V*. www.haygroundschool.org. Suggested donation \$10.

FRIDAY, 27

GOAT ON A BOAT PLAYGROUP - 9:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org.

GOAT ON A BOAT TOT ART - 10:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org.

SATURDAY, 28

THE CHICKEN SHOW - 11 a.m. - noon, also 3-4 p.m. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 E. Union St., SGH. Liz Joyce & a Couple of Puppets perform, Henrietta the singing chicken learns to believe in herself to make her dreams come true. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org.

STUDENT ART FESTIVAL PART 1 - through - 2/26. Grades K-8. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, EH. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. Free.

JEMIMA PUDDLE-DUCK & THE STORY OF A FIERCE BAD RABBIT - 3 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, WHB. Giant puppets dance and act in narrated ballets to bring these two beloved Beatrix Potter stories to life, with music by William Walton. 631-288-1500, www.whbpac.org. \$15-\$25.

SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP TO BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN - 4:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Town of Southampton Youth Bureau. For youths 12 years and older, families welcome. 631-702-2425. www.southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau. \$80 includes round-trip transport, lift ticket, lunch and lesson. Additional \$25 for equipment rental.

HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION - 5 p.m. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Lane, SH. Show runs through 2/26. 631-283-2118, www.parrishart.org. Free.

DO-IT-YOURSELF - Every weekend in February, Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, EH. DIY Crafts for Kids Ages 6-9. We provide the supplies, you create the art. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. Free

MONDAY, 29

GOAT ON A BOAT PLAYGROUP - 9:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org.

MASSENET'S CENDRILLON FROM THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE - 2 p.m. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Lane, SH. Based on Cinderella. 631-283-2118, www.parrishart.org. \$14 members, \$17 nonmembers.

THURSDAY, 2

MUSIC TOGETHER BY THE DUNES - The Joy of Family Music. Join us in this popular Early Childhood Music and Movement program for children, newborn through age 5 and their parents or caregivers. Singing, dancing, rhythmic chants, instrument play and movement

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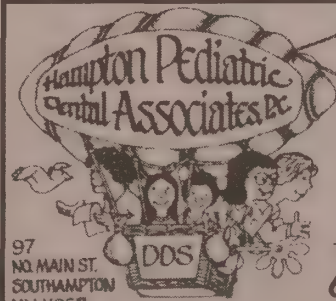
GOAT ON A BOAT PLAYGROUP - 9:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org. Also Friday.

FRIDAY, 3

SHARK DIVE - 11 a.m., ages 12 and up (12-17 must be accompanied by a parent). Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center, 431 East Main St., RVHD. The Aquarium puts you into a cage in the middle of more than 10 circling sharks! No diving certification necessary. 631-208-9200, www.longislandaquarium.com. \$155/nonmembers, \$140/members (includes aquarium admission). Daily.

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Food & Dining



SIMPLE ART OF COOKING

by Silvia Lehrer

America has been in the midst of a gastronomic revolution for decades, and pasta has headed the list as one of our favorite foods. This of course precludes anyone of Italian origin where pasta has been a staple for centuries.

To understand the Italian way of eating, it's important to remember that pasta is almost always served as a first course in moderate quantities. In this way fish or meats and vegetables are also served in moderate quantities following the pasta, soup or risotto course, preserving an age-old instinct for healthy eating.

I remember teaching a pasta class and suggested that the recipe for one-pound pasta serve 6 to 8 people. A student replied "Why, my husband could eat the entire dish." Well that may be, but remember, where there is pasta there are calories. I realize that eating pasta in small quantities as the first course in a meal isn't always practical but it can be a one-dish meal incorporating a balance of ingredients thus fitting nicely into our busy lifestyles. So calories aside, what I try to do is vary the different

pastas, accompanying sauces and components and cook no more than one half pound for two people. Here are some thoughts on cooking pasta for two.

GIULIANO BUGIALLI'S SPAGHETTI ALLA SANGIOVANNINO

Bunches of plump, bright red cherry tomatoes are tied with a string and hung to dry in the warm air of southern Italy. To air-dry cherry tomatoes at home put them on a baking sheet in a 375-degree oven for 5 minutes.

This adaptation serves 2 to 3.

For the sauce

1/2 pound winter grape or cherry tomatoes

1 to 2 cloves garlic, peeled

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon hot red pepper flakes.

To cook the pasta

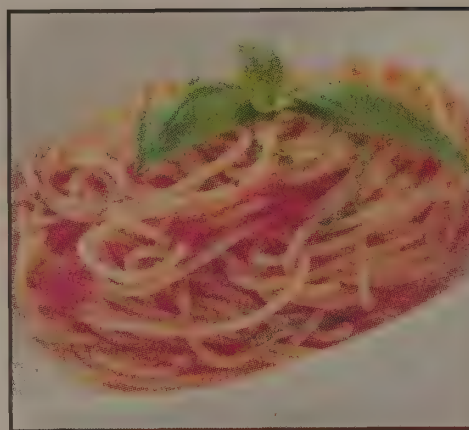
Kosher salt for the cooking water

1/2 pound dry spaghetti, preferably imported Italian

Plus

2 to 3 tablespoons coarsely chopped flat-leaf Italian parsley

Preheat oven to 375 degrees



1. Put the cherry tomatoes on a baking sheet and bake for 5 minutes. Remove the tomatoes from the oven and let them cool for 10 minutes. Then cut the tomatoes in half, retaining the seeds and skin.

2. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and sauté for 30 to 40 seconds, being careful not to brown. Then adjust heat to medium high and add the tomatoes. Sauté for 3 to 4 minutes

longer. (Even over high heat, the tomatoes should not dissolve completely.) Season with salt and pepper to taste and the hot red pepper flakes. Cover and keep warm over low heat.

3. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of cold water to a boil over high heat, and add 1 to 2 tablespoons kosher salt to taste. Add the pasta to the boiling water, stir with a wooden spoon and cover the pot to bring the water back to a boil as quickly as possible. Remove the lid and cook the pasta until it is al dente (10 to 12 minutes, depending on the brand). Save about 1/3 cup pasta water to add to the warm sauce. Drain the pasta and transfer it to the saucepan with the sauce. Sprinkle the parsley over all. Mix very well and serve immediately. (No cheese should be used with this dish.)

PASTA AGLIO E OLIO WITH ESCAROLE

Greens, garlic and snippets of hot pepper come together to embellish this pasta classic.

Serves 2 to 3 or double the recipe to serve 4 to 5.

1 medium head escarole, blanched and drained
2 to 3 large cloves garlic, peeled
Kosher salt for the pasta cooking water
1/2 pound imported spaghetti
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 teaspoon snipped hot pepper
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Core and rinse escarole and remove any bruised outer leaves. Soak the leaves in bowl of fresh water for 20 minutes. Bring a large pot of water to the boil and salt the water. Drain the escarole and put into the boiling water. Cook with cover ajar for 6 to 8 minutes. Drain again and cool under cold running water then squeeze very dry in a clean kitchen towel. Coarsely chop the vegetable and slice garlic into slivers. Can be prepared up to several hours ahead.

2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add kosher salt, then add the pasta and cook at a rolling boil about 10 to 12 minutes depending on the brand or until al dente. (Save some of the pasta cooking water as needed.)

3. Meanwhile, place a large skillet with the oil over low heat: when the oil is warm, add the slivered garlic and sauté for 30 to 40 seconds. Add the snipped pepper flakes, salt and pepper and stir to mix. Put in the cooked escarole and toss to mix over medium heat until everything is warm and garlic is golden, about 2 minutes longer.

4. When the pasta is ready, drain in a colander shaking off excess water. Transfer to a very large warm serving platter; pour the garlic/oil sauce over and toss very well.

Note: Aglio E Olio is never eaten with cheese.



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PASTA AGLIO E OLIO

For my husband and me this quick fix recipe is a kitchen staple when there's nothing in the house to eat. Use the clean bright flavors of fresh flat-leaf Italian parsley to season.

Serves 2

1 tablespoon kosher salt for the pasta cooking water

1/2 pound imported spaghetti or linguini

2 to 3 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced into thin slivers

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/8 teaspoon snipped hot pepper

1/3 cup chopped flat-leaf Italian parsley

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, add salt, put in the pasta all at once and cook until al dente, 10 to 12 minutes depending on the brand.

2. Meanwhile warm oil in a skillet, add the slivered garlic and sauté for 2 minutes over medium-low heat until lightly golden. Add pepper flakes, salt and pepper, and stir to mix. Stir in the parsley and keep warm over very low heat.

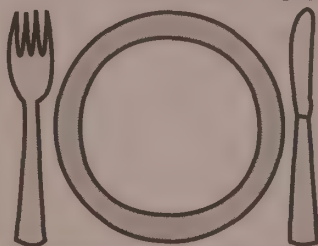
3. Ladle about 1/4-cup pasta water to the sauce. Drain pasta and immediately transfer to the parsley garlic sauce. Stir to mix so that all the strands are well coated. Transfer to warm dinner plates, sprinkle over additional parsley if desired and serve at once.

Note: Aglio E Olio is never eaten with cheese.

For more recipes, cooking news, book signing dates and Silvia's blog go to www.savoringthehamptons.com.

SIDE DISH

by Aji Jones



Indian Wells Tavern in Amagansett is giving away a 42-inch LG Flat Screen TV just in time for the Super Bowl with a drawing on Friday, February 3. Entries to win can be made with any draft beer purchased at the bar. Indian Wells Tavern currently serves lunch and dinner seven days from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the bar is open late. 631-267-0400

Scrimshaw Restaurant in Greenport presents a 10-course banquet dinner on Saturday, February 4 in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Cost is \$75 per person and the menu includes shredded duck stir-fry with yellow bean ginger sauce, dried mushrooms and tree ears; lobster medallions in ginger scallion sauce; and hoisin glazed baby poussin on a bed of prosperity rice. 631-477-8882

Cuvée Bistro and Bar in Greenport serves a four-course Valentine's Day prix fixe menu on Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11. Cost is \$39 per person for the 5 p.m. seating and \$50 per person for the 7 and 9 p.m. seatings. Beverages, gratuity and tax are not included. Menu selections include crispy Peconic oysters on buttered brioche with a "Po" boy dijonaise; ravioli filled with chunks of fresh lobster served with lobster coulis; Cabernet-marinated filet mignon served au jus with a wild mushroom tartlette; and Grand Marnier custard with crispy sugar top. 631-477-0066

Blackwells Restaurant in Wading River announces new winter hours. The restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Diners may select grilled baby lamb chops (\$12); Lobster Newburg in a sherry cream sauce over herbed risotto (\$32); and Chef Chris Gerdes' vegetarian tasting plate (\$24). A three-course prix fixe menu will also be offered every Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday for \$24.95 before 6 p.m., for \$29.95 after 6 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays for \$34.95. 631-929-1800

Manucci's in Montauk offers dinner nightly beginning at 5 p.m. Menu selections may include chicken breast sautéed in a Marsala wine sauce with mushrooms served over garlic mashed potatoes (\$21); tilefish Pomodoro sautéed with white wine, diced tomato and basil and seafood risotto (\$26); and rack of lamb with oven-roasted tomato and potatoes au gratin and grilled asparagus (\$29). A Sunday breakfast buffet is also available each week from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. 631-668-4455

Sign ups have begun for the Tenth Annual **Hamptons Restaurant Week** slated for Sunday, March 18 through Sunday, March 25. Participating restaurants offer three-course prix fixe menus for \$19.95 and/or \$24.95 every night they are open except Saturday when it must only be offered until 7 p.m. Diners may try discounted bottles of wine from participating vineyards for \$19.95 or \$24.95 per bottle at select restaurants and vineyard tasting rooms and lodging properties may also offer discounts. On Monday, March 5, the campaign will "Bring Hamptons Restaurant Week to Maureen's Haven," a local organization that seeks to address the issue of homelessness. Participating chefs will serve a three-course meal to homeless guests who can't take advantage of the promotion. The campaign will also donate \$10 to Maureen's Haven for each new fan of the Hamptons Restaurant Week Facebook page through March 25. For information and participants: www.hamptonsrestaurantweek.com or 631-329-2111

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Restaurant Review: Spring Close

By Stacy Dermont

We got right down to business at Spring Close. My husband ordered a draft of Guinness. The well-stocked bar also offers Pabst Blue Ribbon, Peroni and Sierra Nevada on tap. In fact there are more beers available by the glass than there are wines – plus Woodpecker cider. It's a good mix. Plenty of bottles of wine, including some from Sagaponack's Wolfer Estate Vineyards. I was tempted by the Saranac root beer but instead went with a glass of Wolfer Estate Classic White Table Wine. Something like a dry Riesling, it works every time.

Our server, Kathy, started us off with a basket of piping hot popovers. Browned on the outside but gooey within. Hmmm.

We were invited to order from both the Pub and Dinner Menus at will.

It was just the two of us so we only ordered three appetizers: Oysters Rockefeller, Buffalo Chicken Wings and Crab Muffins. The Crab Muffins on the Pub Menu caught my eye. The crab and creamy goodness is baked on top of English muffins. I had to cut before I could sample. Right after my knife passed through the crabby creaminess, it struck that firm, crunchy toasted muffin layer and at that moment

my mouth started to water. I was not disappointed. This is comfort food of a high order. The lightly dressed baby arugula on the side was very fresh, a perfect foil to the crab-creamy-crunchiness. The oysters were as they should be – creamy spinach, a noticeable but appropriate amount of nutmeg in the béchamel sauce, the natural saltiness of the sea – we demolished them. The chicken wings were fine and accompanied by the requisite celery and CHUNKY blue cheese dressing, but I would have welcomed more heat. The single most important component was at hand – extra napkins.

I asked Kathy what her favorite entrée is and ordered it – Sautéed Salmon. Chef Justin Hoke has made salmon exciting again! Served on a bed of spaghetti squash and cabbage, ringed by pomegranate seeds and diced pear, which are topped by a cinnamon vinaigrette, this is a very grounded, well-balanced dish of wide-ranging flavors. Husband was allowed one bite, which he deemed "Pretty luscious."

Husband ordered the Braised Short Ribs Paperadelle and another Guinness. He asserts that Guinness goes well with slow-cooked beef. No doubt. I had one bite of paperadelle and agreed with his

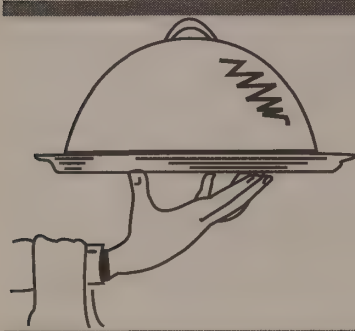
assessment, "This is rich. Very rich. Very rich. I better stop." The mushrooms put it right over the top. He had a good deal of it wrapped for lunch the next day.

Spring Close's desserts are made in-house and include ice cream, sorbet and dulce de leche, so it was hard to choose just one. Ultimately the Coconut Rice Pudding called to me and indeed it paired well with an herbal mint tea. Served with toasted coconut, fresh mint leaves and raspberries, it is an elevated classic of home cookery. Not too sweet, this rice pudding is on the firm side with no discernable cinnamon.

This is a family friendly place. There were a number of youngsters there when we were. Their orders included pasta with marinara, chicken fingers with French fries and the Chicken Caesar Pizza from the wood fired pizza oven. Kathy told us that the Cheeseburger Sliders are a big hit with kids too.

I'd definitely go back and happily relive the crab-oysters-salmon experience. Maybe I'd find room to try the New York Strip Au Poivre...

Spring Close, 341 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, 631-324-3444.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



ART COMMENTARY

by Marion W. Weiss

ART FAR FROM THE HAMPTONS Part 1: Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. may be the center of the world to some people, considering that it's where the U.S. government resides. But it's also a beautiful hometown with historic neighborhoods and architectural character. This art critic's two favorite areas are Georgetown and a small street off Connecticut Avenue (S Street). Both venues are residential ones with charming townhouses and mansions, although Georgetown is also commercial. (S Street is similarly special.)

Art spaces do not flood the streets of these neighborhoods, like they do at The Mall and Independence Avenue with their various Smithsonian Institutes or at Dupont Circle's galleries. Simply put, museums and galleries are hardly visible in Georgetown and on S Street: it's the architectural structures that count.

Besides the obvious residential dwellings, however, there are some buildings where art does flourish amidst historic waterways. Consider a hotel, The Georgetown Suites (off M Street) where a mule towpath, the C & O Canal, meanders 184 miles to Cumberland, Maryland. The Potomac River at the end of the street establishes a similar ambience. The hotel itself represents a modernist style, with a rectangle configuration and plenty of glass and concrete. The large metal sculpture in the courtyard resembles an abstract tree, decorated for

the season with greenery. The juxtaposition of these diverse shapes adds to the visual interest.

Another visual image that catches our eye are the petunias planted in the courtyard and along the street; even though it's winter, the flowers are still blooming. Coincidentally, the art motif in the hotel itself features flowers as well. Prints and watercolors in the bedrooms celebrate luscious abstract blossoms; flower images also dominate the bathroom wallpaper.

Uptown off Connecticut Avenue is another favorite art venue which is surrounded by embassies and architectural marvels. It may be a long way from Central Africa, but Kuba textiles and woven art are currently making their home at The Textile Museum, a grand mansion built in 1925. Textile art is still a relatively unfamiliar form when compared to the visual arts; here in the Hamptons, such artists are few and far between although people like Christa Maiwald, Pamela Topham and Carol Hunt are changing that situation.

The present exhibit at The Textile Museum comes from the Kuba Kingdom which developed during the early 17th century and includes 20 ethnic groups living in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The varied pieces of clothing, baskets, mats, headdresses and belts represent equally diversified functions: social status, ritual, artistic expression. Some objects serve practical purposes as well, like tops for milk containers made of cattle horns.

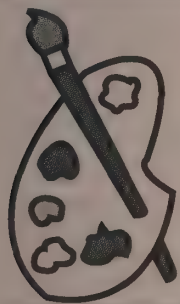


A view of the Washington Monument.

The most fascinating aspect of the works, at least for this critic, is their abstract style, characterized by "fractal geometry" and compared to the improvisational quality of jazz according to experts. Thus, the more than 200 patterns in the exhibit recall musical rhythms. This rhythmic sense has also been applied to Indian Space Painting, an abstract American style initiated by Will Barnett, among others, which shares some traits with the Kuba textiles (At least, according to this critic.) The interlocking compositions and the pointy, curvy shapes are two such common elements.

Even so, the show at The Textile Museum is unique, mesmerizing and not to be missed.

"Weaving Abstraction" will be on view at The Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. (2320 S Street, N.W.) until Feb. 12, 2012. Call 202-667-0441 for information.



HONORING THE ARTIST

by Marion W. Weiss

SCOTT HEWETT

While this winter will bring diverse images of the Hamptons, one that is sure to be familiar are the farm trucks sitting in the snow, almost looking like bears that are hibernating. Cover artist Scott Hewett hopes that the scene ("Trucks in the Snow"), which he painted last winter in his neighborhood, will evoke the sense of actually standing in front of the trucks. Even so, another sense is also operating: Hewett's method of applying color, which plays tricks on the eyes. Many of his other paintings convey the same idea, particularly a luscious orange with its red, orange and pinks sprinkled with green. A Pepsi Cola bottle top with its sparkling dashes of reds and blues gives an ordinary object aspects of the extraordinary as well.

Q: Explain the process of putting on color that you

seem to favor.

A: When I'm using a gel medium, and I glaze layer-on-layer, the color bounces off the canvas. You're not just looking at one color; you try and make the colors translucent.

Q: Where does this idea about color come from?

A: In high school, my art teacher taught me about imaginary color. For example, when you look at landscape, you let yourself go and see colors that other people don't see.

Q: After high school, what other art training did you have?

A: I went to the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston and studied illustration, but I took painting classes, too. Then I got an internship at Stride Rite shoes. They offered me a full-time job. I then went to work for Reebok, where I designed shoes for 15 years.

Q: Was that interesting?

A: Yes, since I designed shoes for celebrities, like the golfer Greg Norman. But I always had a passion for painting, so Reebok let me work from home, which was out here, and I started painting in 2001, too. I did really well when I had my first show.

Q: What were some of your subjects and styles when you got back to painting?

A: I painted trucks, gas pumps; my style was very decisive when it came to applying paint.

Q: How have your style and subjects changed in the last 10 years?

A: My colors are getting bolder now; my images

are very graphic. They border on illustration, but they also seem impressionistic. As far as subjects, I do landscapes, which are graphic as well: close-ups of waves, areas like Lazy Point and Napeague.

Q: You also play in a band called The Realm, I understand. Is playing the drums similar to painting?

A: Drumming and painting are similar; you make movements on canvas and the drums. Drumming uses all your body parts, of course. The idea of rhythm is similar, too.

Q: How about designing shoes? Is that similar to painting?

A: In design, I was always looking for trends, the next idea. In painting, I am looking in my camera or at a spot, looking for the next thing. When I was doing research in New York for designing shoes, everything inspired me. Observation is very important.

Q: When do you not paint, when you take a break?

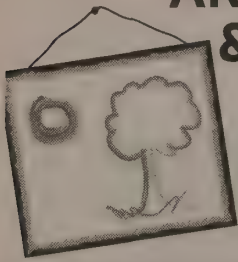
A: You have to take a break if you become obsessed about your work. That's when I put down my brushes.

Q: What else do you feel about the art profession?

A: I think it's a hard profession. You have to have a thick skin. When you hang your work on the wall, you are hanging yourself. But you have to paint for yourself.

Scott Hewett's work is on his website: www.hewettart.com.

ART OPENINGS & GALLERIES



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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

ROGERS MANSION – Opening reception 1/26 from 5 to 7 p.m. “Our Southampton: Photographs by Nina Kennedy” and “Shopkeepers of Southampton: Photographs by Davis Gaffga.” \$15 admission, generous refreshments, cash bar. On Exhibit through 4/28. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0402.

EAST END ARTS SEEKING PERFORMANCE ARTISTS – 1/27 – The East End Arts Gallery is seeking performance artists to participate in their Members Show reception on January 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Montaukett building at Suffolk Community College in Riverhead. Any performance artist with a talent is encouraged to contact the East End Arts Gallery at 631-727-0900.

THE QUOGUE LIBRARY – A solo exhibition of paintings by Eastport painter Elizabeth Malunowicz. The show runs through 1/29. 631-653-4224.

DODDS AND EDER – In Spring/Summer 2012 Dodds & Eder will be unveiling a new Sculpture Garden on the grounds of its Sag Harbor location at 11 Bridge Street. Sculptors seeking exhibition opportunities are encouraged to contact Stacy Pinero for application guidelines. Stacy Pinero, stacyp@doddsandeder.com. Dodds and Eder, 11 Bridge Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1175.

INFORMATION SESSION – The Parrish Art Museum and The Watermill Center will cohost an important information session for artists interested in applying to Creative Capital's 2012 Emerging Fields, Literature, and Performing Arts grant cycle. Kemi Ilesanmi, Director of Grants & Services at Creative Capital, will be present at the Parrish on Saturday, January 28, at 2 pm, to answer questions regarding the organization's current and upcoming grant rounds. The session is free. Prospective

attendees are requested to RSVP to grants@creative-capital.org. 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2118.

7TH ANNUAL LOVE AND PASSION 'SEX DRUGS AND RO'N'ROLL' – February 11, opening reception, 5 to 8 p.m. at Ashawagh Hall in Easthampton. Music by Alfredo Merat, 50/50 raffle, 'Rock my Heart Poetry', takes place on February 12. Free to the public. 60 plus artists will be featured. Produced by Teri Kennedy. 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton.

FIEDLER GALLERY -207 Main St., GP-1/28, 3-6 PM. First public showing of “Triptych #1”, an anodized aluminum wall mosaic by Laura Wilson. 20 local artists showing work ranging from impressionism to hyperrealism, glass and fiber works every day from 9AM-3:PM. 724-953-3382.

LAURA BENJIMIN – 1/28 – Opening reception at the Greenport Harbor Brewing Company from 6 to 9 p.m. Tasting room/gallery. 234 Carpenter Street, Greenport. 631-324-5539.

GALLERIES

AMG-Amagansett; BH-Bridgehampton; BP-Bellport; EH-East Hampton; EP-Eastport; GP-Greenport; HB-Hampton Bays; JP-Jamesport; MV-Manorville; MTK-Montauk; NO-Noyac; NY-New York; OP-Orient; PC-Peconic; Q-Quogue; RB-Remsenberg; RVHD-Riverhead; SGH-Sag Harbor; SGK-Sagaponack; SH-Southampton; SHD-Southold; SI-Shelter Island; SPG-Springs; WM-Water Mill; WH-Westhampton; WHB-Westhampton Beach; WR-Wading River; WS-Wainscott

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ASHAWAGH HALL – 780 Springs Fireplace Rd., EH. 631-324-5671. www.ashawagh-hall.org.

BOCK ART LIMITED GALLERY – Works by Charles Bock, 16 Hill St., SH. 631-287-1078, www.bockartlimited.com.

CHRYSLIS GALLERY ARTISTS EXHIBITION – Open Mondays & Thursdays from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 2 Main Street, Southampton, 631-287-1883 www.chrysalisgallery.com.

CHUCK SEAMAN FISH PRINTING – 27B Gardner's Lane, HB. 631-338-7977.

EAST END ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY – 133 East Main St., RVHD. 631-727-0900, www.eastendarts.org. (See listing above.)

EAST HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The Claus Hoie Gallery of Whaling, East Hampton Town Marine Museum, East Hampton Historical Society, 301 Bluff Rd., EH. RSVP: 631-324-6850.

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MOVIES

Schedule for the week of

Friday, January 27 to Thursday, February 2.

Always call to confirm shows and times. Some are not available at press time.

UA EAST HAMPTON CINEMA 6 (+) (631-324-0448)

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) – Fri, 3:30, Sat, 1:15, 3:30 Sun, 1:15, 3:30 Mon-Thurs, 3:30
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close – Fri, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40, Sat, 12:30, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40 Sun, 12:30, 3:40, 6:40 Mon-Thurs, 3:40, 6:40
Albert Nobbs (R) – Fri, 4:15, 7:15, 10, Sat, 12:50, 4:15, 7:15, 10 Sun., 12:50, 4:15, 7:15 Mon-Thurs 4:15, 7:15
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (R) – Fri, 6, 9:30 Sat, 6, 9:30 Sun, 6 Mon-Thurs 6
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) – Fri., 4, 7, 9:50 Sat, 1, 4, 7, 9:50, Sun 1, 4, 7, Mon-Thurs 4, 7
The Artist (PG13) – Fri., 4:30, 7:30, 10:10 Sat, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10 Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Mon-Thurs, 4:30, 7:30
Hugo (PG) – Fri., 3:50, 9:45, Sat, 3:50, 9:45, Sun, 3:50 Mon-Thurs 3:50
Hugo 3D (PG) – Fri, 6:50, Sat, 12:40, 6:50 Sun, 12:40, 6:50 Mon-Thurs 6:50

SOUTHAMPTON 4 (631-287-2774)

The Grey (R) – Fri, 4, 7, 10 Sat, 1, 4, 7, 10

Sun, 1, 4, 7 Mon-Thurs, 4, 7
Man On A Ledge (PG13) – Fri., 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, Sat, 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:30 Sun., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Mon-Thurs, 4:30, 7:30
The Iron Lady (PG13) – Fri., 3:45, 6:45, 9:45, Sat, 12:45 3:45 6:45 9:45 Sun., 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, Mon-Thurs, 3:45, 6:45
The Descendants (R) – Fri., 3:30, 7:15, 10:15 Sat, 12:30 3:30 7:15 10:15 Sun, 12:30 3:30 7:15 Mon-Thurs, 3:30 7:15

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+) (631-725-0010) Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

A Dangerous Method– 4:30 Sat, Sun
Carnage – Fri, Mon, Thurs, 5:30, Sat, Sun, 6:20
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo 2011 – Fri, Mon, Thurs, 7:05, Sat, Sun, 8

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One For The Money (PG13) – Fri., 4:20 7:20 10:05 Sat, 1:20 4:20 7:20 10:05 Sun, 1:20 4:20 7:20 Mon-Thurs, 4:20 7:20
Red Tails (PG13) - Fri, 4, 7, 9:50 Sat, 1, 4, 7, 9:50 Sun, 1, 4, 7 Mon-Thurs, 4, 7
Haywire (R) - Fri., 4:30, 7:30, 10 Sat, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Mon-Thurs, 4:30, 7:30
Underworld (R) - Fri, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10 Sat, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10 Sun, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 Mon-Thurs, 4:40, 7:40

Contraband (R) - Fri, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55 Sat, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55 Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 Mon-Thurs, 4:10, 7:10

MATTITUCK CINEMAS (631-298-SHOW)

The Grey (R)
Underworld Awakening (R)
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (PG13)
Man On A Ledge (PG13)
Haywire (R)
Iron Lady (PG13)
Red Tails (PG13)
One For The Money (PG13)

HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+) (631-288-2600)

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (PG13) – Fri, 5:30, 8, Sat, Sun, 3, 5:30, 8 Mon-Thurs, 7
Iron Lady (PG13) – Fri, 6, 8:15, Sat, Sun, 3:30, 6, 8:15, Mon-Thurs, 7

THE MONTAUK MOVIE (631-668-2393) Closed for the season.

The sign (+) when following the name of a theater indicates that a show has an infrared assistive listening device.

Please confirm with the theater before arriving to make sure they are available.



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To see photos of my meal at Rowdy Hall visit www.danshamptons.com.

LETTERS

PLEASE HELP!

Dear Dan,

On December 16-17, Tropical Storm Sendong (international name: Washi) ravaged the south of the Philippines, including the city where a friend of Dan's grew up. This city (Cagayan de Oro) was the hardest hit, suffering the most casualties. The storm slammed the area with devastating rains, unleashing flash floods and landslides that left behind a horrifying trail of destruction. The storm has killed more than 960 people so far, and the death toll will most likely increase with almost 800 people still missing and about 35,000 or more left without shelter, clothing, food, medicine and other basic essentials.

Donations can be brought to the *Dan's Papers* Bridgehampton office (attn: Nadine Cruz) or be e-mailed to Padania Wines, 1813 42nd Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104.

Thanks in advance for your kindness, *Dan's Papers!*

THANKS!

Dear Dan,

Citizens 4 Humanity would like to thank the community for the support in helping to provide platters and trays of food to struggling single mom families for the holidays. These families were extremely appreciative and received a holiday experience that they would not have had otherwise. And we would like to give a special thanks to the businesses who generously donated food and other items to the families. Cromer's Meat Market in Sag Harbor, Restaurant Depot on Long Island, Frutti Di Mare of Hampton Bays, Insatiable EATS Catering of Southampton. Also the following stores donated gifts to the children: Henry Hildreth of Hildreth's Department Store, Stevens Toys, Little Suzy's, Flying Point Surf in Southampton, Skidmore's Sports in Hampton Bays, the Wharf Shop in Sag Harbor.

Since the start of our mission, we

have received long lists from the school districts of families with empty refrigerators who are struggling to buy even canned or boxed foods. These families have to make choices between buying milk or bread or eggs because they simply cannot afford it. And most of the food they buy offers low nutritional value. The children are going to school hungry and then to bed at night hungry.

Citizens 4 Humanity is starting a year-round program to help feed these families. Chef Marco Barrila and his kitchen staff at Frutti Di Mare in Hampton Bays will prepare Mediterranean spaghetti dinners with sauces of bolognese (meat ragu), primavera (vegetables) and pomodoro (tomato, basil) that come complete with salad and toasted garlic bread. Families will pick up from Frutti Di Mare restaurant weekly as donations allow. We are asking community members to sponsor families...to feed as many families as possible. This program will work purely from donations and community support. The cost to prepare these dinners is \$5 per person. Community members can send donations directly to the restaurant at 105 West Montauk Highway, B2, Hampton Bays, NY 11946 or deliver directly to the Frutti Di Mare kitchen. With hundreds of people on the list, we hope that everybody will help the cause.

Again from the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank those who help to feed people in distress. Even in these bad times and economy, we hope that 2012 can be another milestone for us...and success to help others. We would like to thank everyone again who has given their help to these efforts.

My best,
Sheila Minkel
Deputy Volunteer

email us

POLICE BLOTTER

Shocking

A man in Hampton Bays accidentally electrocuted himself while attempting to clean dog hair out of an electrical outlet using a metal knife. Yes people, he is that dumb, read this one to your children.

P.S. the man is fine, he was just a little shocked by the whole ordeal.

Kick, Punch

A man in Sag Harbor was charged with choking, kicking and punching a woman during an argument.

Shelter Island

Old Man McGumbus, 107 years old, former World War II public relation officer, released a statement last week to the Shelter Island media that the hippie threat level has been reduced from level "red" to level "yellow." The reason for the reduction had to do with the recent loss of the San Francisco 49s to the New York Giants in the NFC Championship game last week. The statement read, "We once again avoided near catastrophe last week in terms of the hippie menace that is plaguing this nation. If San Francisco were to make it to the Super Bowl, I think we all would

have killed ourselves. I certainly would have. Keep your resolve. Never surrender. Be manly, be American, Go Giants."

School Bus Accident

An East Hampton School bus accident took place last week. There were no injuries to anybody in the accident. The school bus driver, well, let's just say he's not going to be answering his telephone for the next few months.

Lawn Ornaments

A man in Montauk reported that somebody had rearranged all of the lawn ornaments at his home, which include plastic statues of deer, snowmen and other items, so that, "The ornaments appeared to be mating." A full investigation is underway.

The North Fork

A woman on the North Fork reported that somebody hacked into her Facebook account and deleted the game Farmville. The woman stated that an entire year of crops had been lost and that the amount of work she put into the game was at least five hours a day. Here's a thought for you lady, delete your Facebook account.

—David Lion Rattiner

Send your letters to
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Glad we could help you help others. —DR

MUSICALLY NOTED

Dear Dan,

Call me late to the party, but I just finished reading *In The Hamptons* and thoroughly enjoyed it.

I was a native Long Islander, having lived there in various places from 1950 – 1978 including Three Mile Harbor.

As a lifelong musician, who played many a eastern watering hole, The Eye, Barge, Cat Ballou, Montauk Yacht Club, Apple Tree, Boardy Barn, Mad Hatter etc., your chapter on Billy Joel was of great interest, as we worked together in the late '60s. In fact Billy took my place in the group the Hassels. At that time he was always a great sponge at absorbing musical references. Even when "Piano Man" first hit the airwaves I thought it was Harry Chapin. Both our groups The Hassels and Mrs. Murphy's Basement soldiered on naively with Danny Mazur "MANAGING" us to failed record deals with United Artists.

As for your unanswered musical question re where did he come up with "The Longest Time" melody, I have the answer, As you may recall that entire "Uptown Girl" album was loaded with his homages to many like, The Four Seasons, Wilson Pickett, etc. For well over 30 years I have performed "The Longest Time" as a solo guitar piece, which I thought was a unique contrast to Billy's Do Wop version. The last few years I have done it as Medley #62-82 which reveals the source of Joel's inspiration.

If you would like, I would be happy to send you an MP3 file with the answer to your musical question.

Regards
Ken Spooner
Nashville

—hmmm. —DR

WHAT STREET THEATRE?

Dear Dan,

Yes, indeed, Dan, Sag Harbor's loss could become a big win for the Village of Southampton!

What started out as a dead-born idea, presented with nothing but typical Epley building and construction plans, could actually become a reality and a boon to the Village of Southampton, if the Bay Street Theatre were to move in.

Now, if only someone would make a deal with the Watermill Center to show and perform at this "new Southampton Cultural Center," that incredibly creative resource, the Watermill Center, might just insure the success of this Jobs Lane center for music, theatre, and the arts.

I'd feel bad for Sag Harbor if I didn't feel so good for Southampton.

Best,
Evelyn Konrad
Attorney-at-Law
Southampton

I feel the same way. —DR

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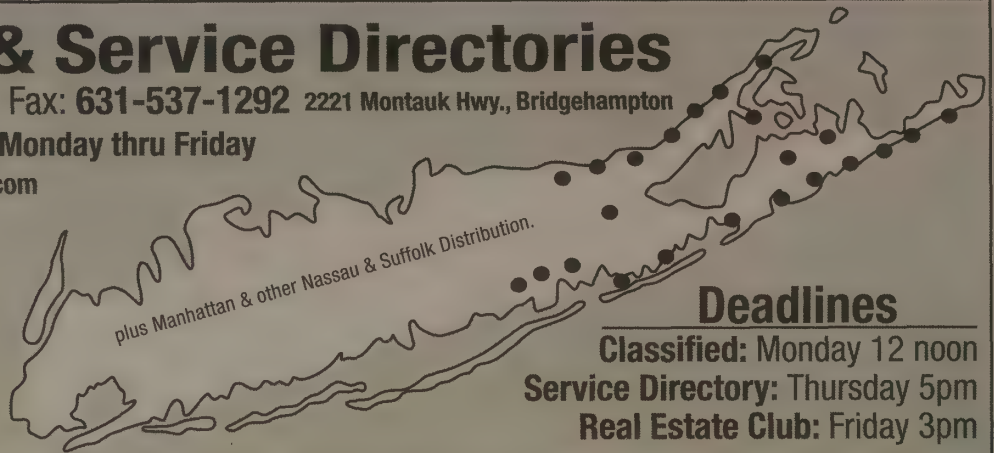
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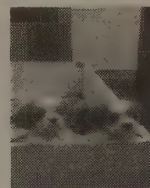
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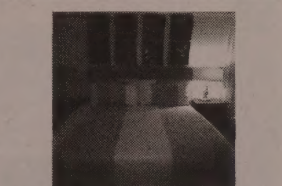
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